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NEWSWATCH

Banks recover
LONDON, June 27, (KUNA): A prominent Kuwaiti banker said in an interview here today the Kuwait banking sector had recovered from the 1982 local stock market crash and he expected Kuwait to emerge soon as a leading financial centre in the region.

Board chairman of the Burgan Bank, Sheikh Ahmed Abdulla Al Ahmad Al Sabah, added that Kuwaiti banks had prepared a strategy for dealing with a unified European Economic Community after 1992 when the 12 EEC members knock down trade barriers among them.

Arab committee
ORAN, Algeria, June 27, (Reuters): Three Arab heads of state met today for the second time in a month in a fresh bid to end 14 years of civil war in Lebanon.

The kings of Morocco and Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, charged with solving the Lebanese crisis, by an Arab summit last month, gathered at Chadli's summer residence outside this western Algerian city.

The meeting began with a report by Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi to the heads of state on his talks in Lebanon and Damascus and then expanded to include foreign ministers, according to the Algerian Press Service (APS). Earlier story on Page 9.

A big mistake
BEIRUT, June 27, (AP): The spokesman for the fundamentalist Hezbollah, which is believed to be an umbrella for captors of foreign hostages, said today the kidnappings may have been "a very big mistake."

The Shiite Muslim Hezbollah has repeatedly denied involvement in the kidnappings, although Western and local intelligence agencies have linked it to the underground factions that have claimed the abduction of most of the 17 Westerners missing in Lebanon. Speaking at a news conference, Hezbollah spokesman Ibrahim Al Amin reiterated: "We have repeatedly stressed that we have nothing to do with the hostages' issue."

Khashoggi's reply
BERN, Switzerland, June 27, (AP): Lawyers for Adnan Khashoggi have announced they will shortly submit formal reasons why the jailed Saudi arms dealer and financier refuses extradition to face US criminal charges, a Swiss Justice Ministry official said today.

The United States has asked Switzerland to extradite Khashoggi on charges he helped former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda hide riches plundered from the Philippines during their rule.

A decision on the US request is not expected before mid-July.

Flight to fancy
ABU DHABI, June 27, (Reuters): More than 200 Sudanese who booked cheap flights home from the United Arab Emirates have discovered why the fare was so low — there was no plane.

"It seems there is a misunderstanding," Al Khaleej newspaper quoted a Sharjah airport official as saying after the Sudanese tried to check in for what travel agents told them was a scheduled Ethiopian Airlines flight to Khartoum.

"We haven't received any information about such a trip. And Ethiopian airlines has never used Sharjah airport," the official, Jamal Ghanem, was quoted today as saying.

Boeings collide
LONDON, June 27, (AP): Two jets carrying more than 480 people collided on the ground at Heathrow airport today as they were preparing to take off, but no one was injured, airline officials said.

The aircraft — a British Airways Boeing 757 carrying 111 passengers and seven crew members to Brussels and a Thai Airways International Boeing 747 on route to Bangkok — were pulling up in front of the runway when they collided.

Omar to be tried
CAIRO, June 27, (Reuters): Blind Muslim theologian Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman will stand trial on Aug 6 for inciting violence and taking part in anti-government demonstrations, state security sources said today.

Malaysian ban
KUALA LUMPUR, June 27, (AP): The government will ban copies of the Quran printed in Roman characters and allow only those in Jawi and Arabic characters to be used in Malaysia, an official said yesterday.

Cabinet tables deficit budget

Revenues				
Total revenues projected at KD 2,230.5 million				
Source of revenues (in million dinars)				
Source	Fiscal year 88/89	%	Fiscal year 89/90	%
Oil rev.	1,942	87.1	1,788.5	87.1
Non-oil rev.	288.5	12.9	265.5	12.9
Total	2,230.5	100	2,054	100

Distribution of project funds				
(in million dinars)				
	Projections 89/90	%	Allocations 88/89	%
Future Generations Reserve Fund	223.1	10	205.4	10
Estimated expenditures to ministries and government departments	3,326	149.1	3,194.8	155.5
Difference between expenditures and fund allocations and revenues	1,318.6	59.1	1,346.2	65.5
Total revenues	2,230.5	100	2,054	100



Khorafi

Expenditures				
(in million dinars)				
Total expenditure for ministries and government departments projected at KD 3,326m and distributed to the following budget chapters:				
	Projections 89/90	%	Allocations 88/89	%
1. First chapter: salaries	927	27.9	886.3	27.7
2. Second chapter: commodities and services	261	7.9	264	8.3
3. Third chapter: Transportation and equipments	28	0.8	26.5	0.8
4. Fourth chapter: A-Construction projects B-Expropriations	560 200	16.8 6	657 100	20.6 3.1
5. Fifth chapter: Miscellaneous expenditures	1,350	40.6	1,261	39.5
Total	3,326	100	3,194.8	100

Ahmad urged to run

Speaker's chair suggested

NICOSIA, June 27, (Agencies): More than 200 deputies in Iran's Parliament have urged the late Ayatollah Khomeini's son Ahmad, known to have ambitions to become president, to run for a seat, Tehran Radio reported today.

Speaker of the Majlis (parliament) and the only announced candidate in the July 28 presidential election.

"We call upon your excellency to be in the Majlis ... to become a cause of strength, encouragement and guidance for this important pillar of legislation in the arena of the country's decisions," the radio quoted the 205 deputies saying in a letter to the young Khomeini.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) like the radio monitored in Nicosia, quoted the Tehran Times daily as saying the deputies had suggested that Ahmad become speaker of the 270-seat house if he won an election in Rafsanjani's Tehran constituency.



Eight-wheeled Beetle

Four South Africans take to the road in a souped-down Volkswagen Beetle which they found abandoned in a Cape Town rubbish dump. This eight-wheel model was heading only as far as the nearest scrapyard. (Reuters wirephoto)

UAE lifts '50%' rule

ABU DHABI, June 27, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has agreed citizens from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and Oman can do business in the Emirates without being required to have a 50 per cent local partner.

The UAE cabinet agreed the proposal when they accepted decisions taken by Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) leaders at their December summit in Bahrain, UAE officials said today.

UAE acceptance also means GCC citizens from outside the UAE will be treated equally for tax purposes with UAE citizens, they said.

GCC officials said this will help bring about economic integration, the aim of the alliance set up in 1981.

Khamenei demands Iraqi troops withdrawal

NICOSIA, June 27, (Reuters): Iran rejected Iraqi charges of war-mongering today and urged its Gulf war foe to withdraw its forces from Iranian territory to make peace possible.

"As long as enemy forces are on our territory we do not have the necessary confidence in the peace talks," said President Ali Khamenei, elected leader of the Islamic republic after the death of Ayatollah Khomeini on June 3.

"Let them take these forces out, then talk of peace," he told a group of volunteers in a

speech broadcast on Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia.

Khamenei, apparently responding to a recent statement by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein urging Iran "to stop beating the drums of war," said Tehran could not lower its guard.

Saddam said in a message read on Iraqi Television on Saturday that Iraq had shown goodwill by discharging more than 200,000 fighters since a UN-mediated ceasefire ended

the eight-year Gulf war last August.

Tehran says Iraqi forces still occupy 2,600 sq km (1,000 sq miles) of Iranian border territory.

The fourth round of peace talks between the two countries' foreign ministers ended in April with no progress. UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar said last month that more separate talks with the two sides were necessary before face-to-face negotiations could resume.

Revenue KD2.2305b: Expenditure KD3.5491b

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): Kuwait's 1989-90 budget will have an anticipated deficit of KD1.3186 billion (a Kuwaiti dinar approximately equals \$3.5), KD27.6 million less than last year.

Following a cabinet session held to discuss the budget, Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi said the 1989-90 revenues totalled KD2.2305 billion, an increase of KD176.5 million over the previous year.

Khorafi indicated that this year's budget will witness an

increase in both oil and non-oil revenues. Oil revenues brought in KD1.942 billion compared to last year's figure of KD1.788 billion while the non-oil revenues were KD23 million more than 1988's KD265.5 million.

About overall expenditure, Khorafi said that they will total KD3.5491 billion, an increase of KD148.9 million over 1988. The expenditures include KD223.1 million as allocations for future generations — an increase of KD17.7 million over last year.

He said public spending will be KD3.326 billion. The minister estimated that the salaries chapter will witness a slight hike of 0.2 per cent or KD40.7 million over last year's figure of KD886.3 million.

The second chapter, namely goods and services, will witness a decrease of 0.4 per cent (KD3 million) from last year's 8.3 per cent. The estimated sum for this chapter is KD261 million.

Expenditure for the third chapter, means of transportation and equipment, will be KD28 million (0.8 per cent), compared with KD26.6 million last year.

Expenditure for the fourth chapter, construction projects and appropriations, will be KD760 million, or 22.8 per cent of the total public spending. The amount is KD3 million more than last year.

Miscellaneous, the fifth and final chapter, will account for 40.6 per cent or KD1.350 billion of the expenditure. In 1988 the expenditure for the same chapter was KD1.261 billion.

The Council of Ministers, after thorough discussions, today endorsed the budget and decided to submit it to the Amir Diwan for final approval.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said following the cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, that the council listened to a detailed explanation by Khorafi on the state's revenues and expenditures.

He indicated the cabinet also reviewed a report in this regard prepared by the Higher Planning Council (HPC), which contained the economic committee's recommendations regarding the budget and its role in implementing the national development plan's goals.

Rashed denied that the new state budget will add any new burdens on the people. He said that the issue of services has a special dimension to the government and "we deal with this issue in a very cautious way."

He said the general policy of the state is not to "exhaust the people or increase their financial burdens." But he added many studies have been done and proposals have been made in this connection.

Detector a mole?



'Triple agent'

MOSCOW, June 27, (Reuters): A young US naval intelligence operative who died last week, one year after being hailed by Moscow as a refugee from FBI and CIA persecution, was in fact a KGB agent and a Soviet hero, an official newspaper said today.

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Rebels acknowledge massacre

DAVAO CITY, Philippines, June 27, (AP): Communist rebels acknowledged today that they were involved in a weekend clash in which 39 villagers were slain but claimed anti-Marxist vigilantes among the victims started shooting first.

Two of the dead — a Protestant lay leader and his

brother — were beheaded in the clash Sunday at a United Church of Christ chapel in Rano, 640 miles (1,025 kilometres) southeast of Manila.

At least eight people were wounded, officials said. Bodies of those killed by the communists are lying on the ground (picture) near the church. (Reuters wirephoto)

Blast toll 24; Bush defends relations

BEIJING, June 27, (Agencies): An explosion ripped through a passenger compartment, killing 24 people on a train travelling near Shanghai, official reports said today.

Meanwhile, US President Bush defended his policy of maintaining relations with China.

The China national television news said 11 other people were seriously injured in the blast yesterday in Songjiang county, 30 kilometres (19 miles) southwest of Shanghai.

The news showed videotape of a gaping hole in the side of the train and said the explosion occurred in a toilet at the front of a third-class compartment.

The report said dynamite caused the blast, but did not indicate whether sabotage was involved or whether the blast was linked to recent popular unrest in Shanghai that followed the bloody military crackdown on the student protesters in Beijing.

An official of the Shanghai foreign affairs office said the train was bound for Shanghai from Hangzhou, 180 kilometres (112 miles) to the southwest.

The official, who did not give his name, said an unknown number of passengers suffered minor injuries.

The television news showed Shanghai Mayor Zhu Rongji at the site investigating the damage and talking to the injured.

Six people died in Shanghai when a train smashed through a barricade set up by pro-democracy protesters on June 6. Three youths who allegedly set fire to the train afterward were convicted and executed two weeks later.

Nine more people were reported on trial today on charges to pro-democracy unrest, and authorities said China's legislature would meet this week to endorse the new communist leaders and

Bench wants 'threat' proof

Benigno broadside for Cory

MANILA, June 27, (Agencies): The government urged the supreme court today to dismiss a petition allowing Ferdinand Marcos' return, but two members of the tribunal demanded more proof that the ousted leader was a threat to the nation.

Court officials set up loudspeakers outside the court to enable an overflow crowd of Marcos "loyalists" to keep track of the three-hour proceedings. Some of those outside carried signs saying "Bring back Marcos."

The 15-member court was hearing a petition questioning the constitutionality of President Corason Aquino's decision to ban the return of Marcos, dead or alive. Aquino says Marcos followers will use the occasion to destabilise the government.

The petition, filed last month by associates of the deposed president, also asked the court to order the Department of Foreign Affairs to revalidate Marcos' cancelled passport or issue him other travel documents so he could come home.

Arturo Tolentino and Estelito Mendoza, both of whom had served in Marcos' cabinet, argued that the right to travel was enshrined in the constitution. Barring the return of Marcos and his family was a violation of their human rights, they added.

But solicitor general Francisco Chavez argued that the matter was a "political question beyond the jurisdiction of the supreme court." Only the executive branch of government was competent to handle it because of its security implications, he added.

In defending Aquino's ban on Marcos, Chavez noted that the former president's followers took over the luxury Manila Hotel in July 1986

and proclaimed Tolentino acting president in a failed power grab, the first of half a dozen coup attempts since Aquino came to power on Feb 25, 1986.

Justices Isagani Cruz and Hugo Gutierrez asked Chavez to present "factual basis" to prove the government's claim that Marcos remains a serious threat to national security.

When Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan noted that the Marcoses had previously refused to recognise the court's jurisdiction, Tolentino said the former president and his family have had a "change of heart."

Not satisfied, the court gave petitioners 10 days to present an "unequivocal statement" from the Marcoses that they recognise the legitimacy of the tribunal.

In a rare public critique, a former cabinet official said Aquino's administration faces a serious domestic crisis because of its failure to improve the livelihood of millions of Filipinos.

The charge was made by Teodoro Benigno, who resigned last May as presidential press secretary, in a series of commentaries which began yesterday in the Philippine Daily Star.

In the commentaries, Benigno, a former journalist, warned the crisis may begin in August when the government is expected to raise fuel prices between 15 per cent and 25 per cent.

Benigno noted that the Philippine economy grew last year by 6.7 per cent after years of recession under Marcos.

"A close look, however, showed the GNP growth of 6.7 per cent hardly trickled down to the masses," Benigno said.

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Grand Bingo

Miss Shamaiah Malik has won the First Full House prize. She will receive KD100. Game No.70 continues for the Second and Third Full House prize.

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Vow to go to N. Korea

SEOUL, June 27 (AP): Radical students hurled firebombs at police today and a national student group said it would defy a government ban and march to communist North Korea to attend a youth festival.

The chairman of the radical National Council of Student Representatives told a news conference he expected 15,000 students to congregate at Seoul's Hanyang University for a march on Friday, the eve of the festival's opening.

"We have not given up hope to go to North Korea," said Im Chong-Suk. The world Youth Festival is to be held July 1-8 in North Korea's capital of Pyongyang.

Im said students from the South planned to draft a joint communiqué with North Korean students and that if they could not get to Pyongyang, details would be arranged through third countries by telephone and facsimile communication.

At Hanyang, about 200 students screaming anti-government slogans and hurling rocks and firebombs attacked riot police who had blocked campus gates.

About 500 police clad in visored helmets ringed the campus and police checked identification cards, stopping students from entering. Student leaders said some students from provincial schools were already inside the campus.

In the provincial city of Taegu, about 500 students from three schools were dispersed by riot police using tear gas after they attacked police with firebombs and rocks outside Yonnam University, Yonhap, the South Korean news agency reported.

Yonhap said 15 students were arrested. The Seoul government has accused North Korea of using the youth festival to stir up dissident movements.

NEWS IN BRIEF

10 killed in bomb blast

NEW DELHI, June 27 (Reuters): At least ten Indian policemen were killed when a bomb planted by suspected tribal dissidents blew up their bus in the northeastern state of Assam today, Indian news agencies said.

Karachi jewellers protest

KARACHI, June 26 (Reuters): Goldsmiths and jewellers in Pakistan's biggest city Karachi shut their shops in a strike yesterday for a second day to protest against increasing robberies.

Karachi jewellers group general secretary Haji Farooq said 20,000 shops employing 100,000 people were closed for the day, while the protesters held a rally demanding police protection.

Benazir to visit Britain

LONDON, June 27 (KUNA): Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will make her first official visit to Britain from July 5 to 12 at the invitation of her UK counterpart Margaret Thatcher, Downing Street announced today.

Philippine ship missing

MANILA, June 27 (AP): A Philippine cargo ship and its crew of 30 has been reported missing on a voyage in the central Philippines, the Coast Guard said today.

Coast Guard operations officer Lieut. Naniato Arellano said the 2,948-ton Isis Luzon, which was carrying steel from Lanzo Del Norte province, did not reach its destination on Saturday in Cebu City, 350 miles (560 kms) southeast of Manila.

Secret AIDS treatment

LOS ANGELES, June 27 (AP): Doctors are testing a drug from China on AIDS patients without federal authorization, saying the approval process takes too long.

Nine doctors in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York City have treated 42 patients with Compound Q, imported from China with the help of courier who in some cases bribed Chinese government officials, doctors said yesterday.

Reagan to return to sports casting

NEW YORK, June 27 (AP): Ronald Reagan will return to his former job on July 11, describing baseball games.

The former US president will do one inning of colour commentary during NBC network's telecast of the All-Star game on July 11, the network said yesterday. Reagan will join regular announcers Vin Scully and Tom Seaver in the broadcast booth at Anaheim stadium.

Uno asked not to campaign

TOKYO, June 27 (Reuters): Candidates in Japan's upper house elections are asking Prime Minister Soukoku Uno not to campaign for them because of his involvement in a sex scandal, insiders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party said today.

12 killed in plane crash

TAIPEI, June 27 (UPI): Twelve people died in the crash of a Formosa Airlines plane in southern Taiwan today, an airline official said.

One survivor was taken to a hospital, but the rest of those aboard, including the two pilots, died in the crash, the official said.

The captain of the Cessna 404 reported engine trouble shortly after takeoff from Kaohsiung International Airport at 8:09 am, the official said. As the plane lost altitude it crashed into a house and exploded, he said.

Strong earthquake in Hawaii

KALAPANA, Hawaii, June 27 (UPI): Civil defense authorities yesterday were assessing the damage from Sunday's earthquake that rumbled beneath the southeast coast of Hawaii island, destroying as many as four homes and triggering landslides, power outages and a small tsunami. There were minor injuries.

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their tough stance toward dissent.

The nine people who went on trial yesterday in Beijing included a 26-year-old man who allegedly mutilated a soldier's corpse and a 60-year-old man charged with inciting riots and arson, news reports said. The other seven defendants were charged with arson, robbery and theft.

More than 1,800 people have been arrested for taking part in what the government calls "counter-revolutionary turmoil" during and after the military assault on pro-democracy demonstrators that left hundreds and possibly thousands dead.

Official press reports today said the National People's Congress (NPC) standing committee would meet Thursday to receive a report on "quelling the counter-revolutionary rebellion" in Beijing.

The session also would discuss a draft law on tightening controls over rallies and demonstrations, but would shelve plans to discuss a long-pending bill defining the rights and responsibilities of the press, the reports said.

Ousted Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, considered to be sympathetic to the student-led protesters, was replaced Saturday with Jiang Zemin, Shanghai's former party boss and former mayor.

Up to 100 leading intellectuals connected with the democracy movement or tied to Zhou Ziyang are being sought by Chinese authorities in the nationwide crackdown on dissent, Western diplomats said today.

The state-run media reported 15 new arrests in the massive sweep throughout China against remnants of the democracy movement.

President Bush today defended maintaining relations with China after the massacre of pro-democracy protesters, and said he regretted Chinese postponement of a US Peace Corps programme.

"I have expressed my concern about what went on in China... but I reiterate also my desire not to do damage to the people themselves, because I believe that it was contact with the United States and others in the West that have moved the process of economic reform forward and hopefully someday will move the process of political reform forward," Bush said at a White House news conference.

In response to the Chinese Army's killings Bush has cut off military sales to the communist government and suspended all high-level contacts between the two governments.

Bush a former US envoy to China, has come under fire from some Congressmen and others who said he should be leading the world outcry to the suppression in China.

Bush said he regretted Beijing's decision to postpone the start of a Peace Corps programme that would have sent US volunteers to China to teach English.

"If the Chinese say they're not welcome, they can't come in... it's too bad, because one of the things that moved forward the reforms was contact with Americans."

Japan and the US have reached a unified stand on how to deal with post-crackdown China, agreeing to try to show the Chinese leadership the wisdom of democratic political reform.

European Economic Community leaders appealed to China today to stop executing pro-democracy demonstrators and imposed a ban on arms sales to Beijing.

The World Bank announced yesterday it has suspended \$780.2 million in loans to China.

The multilateral organisation said that "in consultation with the Chinese authorities, it has decided to defer consideration of several loans pending before the board of executive directors" of the bank.

British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd is considering the applications of three Chinese diplomats who requested political asylum in Britain, a government spokesman said in London today.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today he was following the situation in China with concern but has not so far seen energetic action by any government.

Bush said today that the Soviet Union knows "we want to move forward" on a nuclear weapons reduction treaty and applauded Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev for visiting Western Europe.

Delhi stops troops pullout from Lanka

Serious confrontation expected

NEW DELHI, June 27 (Agencies): India has temporarily stopped withdrawal of its forces from Sri Lanka due to the row with President Ranasinghe Premadasa, informed sources said today.

The decision not to withdraw Indian Peace Keeping Forces (IPKF) is a signal from the Indian government to Premadasa that India is standing firm on its Tamil policy.

Although there was a token withdrawal of IPKF last year, fresh troops were inducted and its strength has gone up to 50,000 again.

It was only in January this year that a formal announcement was made by India it would withdraw two battalions with the successful holding of elections of provincial and presidential election.

Some Tamil organisations, including Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front (ENDLF), has urged Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi not to withdraw troops from the island as they fear threat to Tamil speaking people after IPKF withdrawal. The organisation has made a written appeal to Rajiv.

India and Sri Lanka are heading for a potentially serious confrontation over New Delhi's refusal to meet a deadline for taking its troops off the strife-torn island, Western diplomats said on Tuesday.

"It's hard to be sure what the consequences are going to be, but they look pretty grim at the moment," one said. "It could be a real big mess," said another.

Premadasa, whose successful election platform late last year included sending the Indian troops home, has given Delhi a July 29 deadline for withdrawal.

He said if it is not met, he will confine to barracks the Indian troops, who have suffered more than 900 dead.

India argues that the IPKF, was sent to Sri Lanka under a 1987 accord which included giving the Tamil-dominated north and eastern provinces a large measure of autonomy.

It says that stipulation has not been met completely and the IPKF, still fighting one powerful Tamil guerrilla group, cannot leave until it has been subdued. It also says that under the accord a timetable can be set only by mutual agreement.

There has been no public comment from New Delhi on Premadasa's threat to confine the IPKF to barracks, but officials make it plain there is no change in the Indian view.

"How's he going to do it? The Sri Lankan Army is dead set against the IPKF leaving," one senior official said.

The view from New Delhi is that Premadasa needs the IPKF to go home if he is to win peace agreements from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, with whom his government is holding talks, and the militant Sinhalese JVP.

The leftist FVFP (People's Liberation Front), which is virulently opposed to the Indian presence, is currently throttling Colombo with a widespread strike.

"But this seems to me to be a terribly risky gamble and I think Premadasa has got it wrong. He's left the Indians with no face-saving way out. It's a very, very bad situation," said a Western diplomat.

"The thing Premadasa doesn't seem to understand is that we are more anxious to pull out than they are," a senior Indian official said.

"We are not desperate to lose more Indian lives in Sri Lanka, but we cannot leave until the accord, of which we and Colombo are both guarantors, is fulfilled," he said.

India believes that pulling out the IPKF before the Tamil problem is resolved could lead to a bloodbath.

Businesses, offices and street vendors reopened today as life in Sri Lanka returned to normal after a crippling one-day general strike.

Pilots free

NEW DELHI, June 27 (AP): Indian authorities today released two American and two West German pilots, 10 days after they were detained and questioned for flying over restricted airspace.

The Germans were identified by their embassy only by the last names as Kuhlmann and Kuffner.

The US State Department in Washington has identified the Americans as Frank Hale Jr. of Dallas, Texas and Carson Gilmore of Rocksprings, Texas.



Courting arrest

A group of seven opposition party-alliance, National Front, demonstrators courted arrest on Monday outside the Indian television station in New Delhi. They were protesting against ruling party's 'misuse' of the TV. (Reuters wirephoto)

Strike closes Delhi shops

NEW DELHI, June 27 (Reuters): A general strike closed most shops in the Indian capital today in protest against the killing of 24 Hindus by Sikh separatists whose cause is shaping up as a major issue in this year's national elections.

The one-day strike, called by the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party, did not affect banks or government offices, but only push-cart vendors were doing any kind of retail business in the city.

Young party workers in trucks roamed the streets on the look-out for any open shop, shouting slogans through loudspeakers.

Armed paramilitary police guarded key roads and city installations, but a police spokesman said the strike was proceeding peacefully.

"The strike is complete and quite successful," the party's General Secretary Krishan Lal Sharma said.

"The first objective was to appraise the government of the deep resentment of the people," Sharma said. "What we are going to pursue now is comprehensive, determined action in Punjab on terrorism."

Sikh militants entered a public park in the predominantly Hindu Punjab town of Moga on Sunday and killed 24 right-wing Hindus in a hall of automatic rifle fire as they conducted martial exercises.

It was the worst incident in several months in the militants' long struggle for a homeland.

60 per cent turnout in Hill Tracts polls

DHAKA, June 27 (AP): Despite death threats from tribal guerrillas, about 60 per cent of the eligible voters in the Chittagong Hill Tracts reportedly turned out for elections that were the country's first attempt at grass-roots democracy at the hill region.

The private United News of Bangladesh news agency reported the turnout.

The Hills Tracts, a remote region of thick forests and straw huts, has been stricken since 1974 with periodic flareups of a bush war involving the Shanti Bahini guerrillas, who had threatened to disrupt Sunday's voting, but no casualties or major attacks were reported on election day.

The Buddhist Shanti Bahini, whose name means "peace force," had targeted government troops and Muslim Bengali settlers in the early days of their revolt, have in the past year increasingly turned their guns on fellow tribespeople who were perceived as co-operating with the government.

Sunday's elections in the Khagrachari, Rangamati and Bandarban districts were the first district council elections ever conducted there. District councils in the past have been appointed by the government.

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad's government called the elections in an effort to end the bush war in the region, which stretch along the Indian and Burmese borders about 210 kilometres (130 miles) southeast of Dhaka.

The district councils are empowered to exercise a limited degree of autonomy, including levying taxes, recruiting local police, setting development priorities and approving any new settlements.

Supporters of a fundamentalist Muslim party demonstrated yesterday in Dhaka against the Bata shoe company which they alleged blasphemed Islam by printing the Arabic characters for Allah on sandals.

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INTERNATIONAL

PEOPLE AND PLACES

JOHANNESBURG: The Black American vocal group The Commodores has cancelled a series of performances in South Africa next month following protests by anti-apartheid activists, the organisers, Sun International announced on Monday.

The cancellation comes after the South African Musicians Alliance (SAMA) called on the Commodores to reconsider their decision of a UN cultural boycott of South Africa.

Sun International entertainment director Hazel Feldman, citing the acceptance of Paul Simon's "Graceland" tour in anti-apartheid circles, said SAMA's position was "hypocritical" and "inconsistent" (UPI).

SINGAPORE: In the latest move to toilet train its citizens, Singapore's authorities plan to fine those who fail to flush after using public lavatories.

First-time offenders may be penalised as much as 150 dollars (\$77) beginning July 1.

Repeat offenders face a 500 dollars (\$258) fine, and those who neglect to flush three or more times may have to pay as much as 1,000 dollars (\$515).

A ministry spokesman said the penalty was introduced because public toilet bowls and urinals were dirty partly because many people do not flush them after use. (AP)

OXON HILL, Maryland: A freelance paleontologist was explaining to a group of 7-year-olds what dinosaur bones looked like when he stumbled on the real thing.

The June 10 birthday party outing led by Peter Kranz to a housing construction site resulted in the discovery of what may be the most complete fossilized skeleton of the dinosaur age found in the Washington, DC, area in a century, said Nicholas Hotton, a research curator of paleontology at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History.

Kranz said he was describing fossilized dinosaur bones to the children when he found a chunk of dark carbon. Other fragments were uncovered, then Kranz sent the young amateurs home and called the Smithsonian.

"I was nervous about handling such a large specimen," Kranz said. Hotton exposed more of the find and confirmed its significance. (AP)

TAMPA, Florida: Treasure hunters have discovered valuable artefacts from a sunken 17th century Spanish galleon off the Florida Keys and said on Monday the wreck could hold \$80 million in gold, silver and jewels.

Dan Bagley said he and his partners believe the galleon was part of the same 16-ship fleet as Nuestra Señora de Atocha, whose treasure-filled hull was discovered in 1985.

Bagley said if the wreck turns out to be the Spanish galleon, Mercedes, the ship they have been searching for — it would be one of the biggest sunken treasure troves ever found. (Reuters)

PORTLAND, Oregon: British punk rock star Billy Idol must pay nearly \$23,000 in medical expenses and damages to a woman who was trampled during one of his concerts, an arbitrator has ruled.

Lacy Hammond, 31, was sitting in the second row at Memorial Coliseum for the May 13, 1987, concert when she was trampled by a crowd that rushed the stage at Idol's invitation, according to documents.

Idol called to the crowd, "I'm lonely. Come on down here."

Hammond's lawyer, Michael Jasey, said his client was knocked to the floor and pinned under folding chairs while the crowd stepped on her. She suffered multiple sprains and bruises. (AP)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma: The US president's official Residence will be inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame during ceremonies on July 21.

"We are honoured to include his name among the greatest Westerners of our times," said Byron Price, director of the hall.

Reagan will be inducted into the hall's Hall of Great Westerners, which salutes people who made significant contributions to Western heritage, and the Western Performers Hall of Fame, which honours actors whose movie and television portrayals have kept the lore and legacy of the old West alive. (AP)

CHICAGO: Al Wolff, the sole surviving member of the so-called Untouchables in the big-time gangster era, said Al Capone once asked him to join his gang.

In an interview in Sunday's Chicago Sun-Times, the 86-year-old former lawyer said he was on vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, when Capone spotted him.

"I can remember this so clearly: Capone walking up to ask me if I was wallpaper," recalled Wolff, who earned the nickname by searching rooms so thoroughly he would go through everything but the wallpaper.

"He said he would love to have me in his gang," Wolff said. "You know, work for him. I told him that I would no longer if I didn't." (AP)

KEY LARGO, Florida: The African Queen, a cargo steamer that boasts Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn as its most famous passengers, is sailing into political waters.

James Hendricks, a Key Largo hotel owner and caretaker of the 77-car-old boat, is trying to get permission to carry tourists along a Key Largo canal.

With the help of Sen. Bob Graham and Congressman Dante Fascell, both Florida Democrats, Hendricks is pushing for federal legislation that would allow the plan.

Now undergoing repairs, the battered and faded 30-foot (9-metre) hull-bulld boat still has movie-star allure. The Queen sat in a private marina surrounded by fancier boats last week, yet fans still clustered round snapping pictures. (AP)



Perkins: fined

CARDIFF, Wales: Anthony Perkins, star of Alfred Hitchcock's classic horror film "Psycho," was fined £200 (\$310) on Monday for smuggling a small amount of home-grown marijuana into Britain.

Perkins, 57, had mailed 1.32 grams (0.05 oz) of marijuana with a street value of about 4.50 pounds (\$7) from his Los Angeles home to coincide with his arrival at a hotel in Wales where he was filming.

The American actor, who was arrested by two detectives when he checked in on Sunday, made a full admission and said it was for his own use.

NEW YORK: "Metamorphosis," starring dance superstar Mikhail Baryshnikov, will cut short its Broadway run by two weeks.

The stage adaptation of Kafka's story was to have closed on July 15. When it closes on Saturday, it will have played 97 performances and five previews, a spokesman for the show said on Monday. (AP)

WASHINGTON: A committee of journalists reprimanded columnist Jack Anderson on Monday for smuggling a gun into the Capitol, but did not revoke his press credentials.

"We believe that you abused your privileges," Jeffrey Birnbaum, chairman of the Standing Committee of Correspondents, wrote in a letter to Anderson.

Anderson said he engineered the plan to smuggle the gun into the Capitol on May 24 to show a need for better security. Anderson did not carry in the gun himself. (AP)

NEW YORK: Marine biologists and the US Coast Guard suspended efforts to herd two wayward dolphins out of the East River and toward open water.

Attempts to guide the two white-sided dolphins out of the river were halted on Monday afternoon when the dolphins got very agitated, said Coast Guard spokesman Jeff Crawley.

Biologists and government officials were on hand on Tuesday to discuss other methods to move the dolphins.

A lone dolphin was first spotted last Tuesday by the staff at Metropolitan Hospital and students and teachers at a local school. On Monday, the marine biologists trying to move that dolphin out to sea spotted a second dolphin swimming with the first. (AP)

VENICE, Italy: Venetians have decided to stay together, defeating a referendum on Monday that called for divorcing the romantic lagoon city from a dependent, blue-collar suburb on the mainland.

The referendum, with balloting on Sunday and Monday, was pressed for by officials in Mestre, a community that is administratively part of the city of Venice across the causeway but has little in common with the faded place of singing gondoliers, romantic bridges and smelly canals.

While citizens of Mestre outnumber the citizens of historic Venice, 3-1, the measure nevertheless went down to defeat, 58 per cent against separation, 42 per cent in favour. (AP)

SAN JOSE, California: A man whose hypnotized frog lie on their backs and lift barbells might be called a rathag in Australia. In California, such eccentricity is nurtured.

True eccentrics, have a sense of humour, intense curiosity, a high sense of integrity and a desire to make the world better or at least happier, said David Weeks of the Royal Hospital in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Weeks, who is doing a second book on eccentrics, has been studying offbeat people for five years, and in an earlier book, "Eccentrics: The Scientific Investigation," focused on Europeans. About half his estimated 1,000 American subjects are from California.

Weeks said California is tolerant and proud of eccentricity. In some parts of the world, by contrast, eccentricity is denigrated. In Sydney, for example, they call them rathags. Not in California.

Among Weeks' subjects was Bill Steed, who lives near San Francisco and has toured the fair circuit with 40 hypnotized frogs and many laughs.

"Are we a little kooky?" asks Steed. "Look at it this way. We work when we want to work, we make a fairly decent living, we make people happy and we're happy ourselves." (AP)

LONDON: Princess Diana showed at a charity film premiere that she hangs on to her clothes and isn't afraid to wear them again and again.

The wife of Prince Charles the heir to the British throne, turned up for the latest James Bond movie in the stunning off-one-shoulder white-and-gold dress she wore to the premiere of another Bond movie in 1983.

The figure-hugging sequined gown was first worn by the Princess in public during her tour of Australia with the Prince earlier that year. She donned it again during a visit to the National Gallery in Washington in November 1985. (AP)

Kennedy not talking about cover-up claims

WASHINGTON, June 27, (UPI): Senator Edward Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, said yesterday he faced a "full and complete investigation" following a 1969 car accident, in which his companion Mary Jo Kopechne died, but declined to comment directly on renewed charges of a political cover-up.

"I took full responsibility for the tragedy at the time, and I still do," Kennedy said in a five-sentence statement

released by his office in response to new allegations by Newsweek magazine of a cover-up during his trial.

"There was a full and complete investigation by the authorities, and there have been extensive additional investigations by the press," the statement said.

The statement did not specifically address, however, the grand jury foreman's allegations in the Newsweek article claiming that political obstacles

prevented his panel from pursuing more serious charges against Kennedy.

Kennedy spokesman Paul Donovan said Kennedy has no public appearances planned for the next two weeks during the Senate's recess, and that the statement would serve as his only comment on the Newsweek article.

The controversy has dogged Kennedy since the July 18, 1969, accident in which his car ran off a wooden bridge and landed

upside down in a 10-foot-deep (3m) channel.

The accident claimed the life of his passenger, Kopechne, and Kennedy faced charges after it was learned he waited 10 hours before reporting the incident.

Kennedy received a suspended sentence for leaving the scene of an accident, but the grand jury never pursued felony charges of voluntary or negligent homicide.

Death penalty rulings attacked

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Agencies): US Supreme Court decisions permitting the execution of juvenile or mentally retarded killers are unenlightened and outside international law, critics said today.

"How can the US now, with any moral integrity, speak against killing of students by the Chinese government, when we ourselves are sentencing to death and executing our own young people?" John Healey, executive director of Amnesty International USA, said in a statement.

The Supreme Court ruled 5-to-4 yesterday that there was nothing in the constitution that prohibited the execution of 16- and 17-year-olds convicted of murder.

In a separate decision, the court said mentally retarded death-row inmates might also be executed.

The court's conservative majority said executions in these cases did not violate the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

"It is quite appalling," said Henry Schwarzschild of the American Civil Liberties Union. "To let the society hang children is medieval and barbaric," he said. "With respect to the mentally retarded... the execution of people who are not fully responsible for their acts is an atrocity."

The ruling allowing minors to be put to death "takes this country's constitution outside the bounds of international law," the US section of Amnesty International said.

The human rights organisation said it violated the international covenant on civil and political rights, which bans death sentences on people 18 and under.

Opponents of capital punishment viewed the rulings as a double defeat.

"In our law and in our society generally, we set certain standards that people have to meet in order to be considered fully responsible for their conduct," said Andrew Altman, a professor of Philosophy at George Washington University in Washington DC.

"And the mentally retarded and juveniles are not regarded as meeting those standards," he said.

The American Bar Association said allowing the execution of minors was "squarely in opposition to the fundamental premises of an enlightened juvenile justice system."

About 30 people are currently on death-row in the United States for murders they committed as juveniles. Since the reinstatement of capital punishment in 1976, at least six of the 106 murderers put to death were mentally retarded, capital punishment opponents said.

Meanwhile, Amnesty International representatives arrived in Georgia today to discuss what they call the unfair imposition of the death penalty against minorities. See page 4.

US threatens India with trade sanctions

Copy-cat goods raise ire

NEW DELHI, June 27, (UPI): India is flagrantly violating international patent and copyright agreements, according to US officials who are threatening India with trade sanctions.

Mainstream American films, including the current "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" and "Ghostbuster II," surface in hundreds of stores across India usually about three weeks after their US cinema release.

Nobody really understands the labyrinthine route by which the creations of filmmakers rapidly land in the entertainment-hungry subcontinent, but US officials are angry.

"They have kept prices low here at the expense of American industry," a US official said. "If (Indians) are not ready to change things, then they had better get ready because we are not going to stand for it anymore."



Vincent di Polo hawked Batman buttons to moviegoers waiting in line to see 'Batman' in Times Square in New York on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Box-office record broken

Batman's a smash

HOLLYWOOD, June 27, (AP): "Batman" made more money in three days than most movies generate in their lifetimes, with a \$42.7 million opening that broke a week-old record and drove the industry to a record \$90-million-plus weekend.

Despite attracting less-than-overwhelming reviews, "Batman," starring Michael Keaton in the title role and Jack Nicholson as The Joker, set new marks for the best opening day with \$15.3 million Friday, according to figures released yesterday. It also recorded the biggest Saturday at \$14.6 million and Sunday at \$12.7 million in movie history.

Those figures were rounded off. The exact figures yielded the \$42.7 million gross, according to John Krier of Exhibitor Relations Co., which tracks box-office performance.

The previous opening-weekend record was set a week earlier by "Ghostbusters II," which grossed \$29.5 million.

Overall, American and Canadian movie fans spent more than \$95 million at theatres during the weekend, breaking yet another record by \$3 million.

"This is tremendous. It is the biggest weekend ever in the history of the business," said Krier.

This summer's box office is now running 14 per cent ahead of last year's record season of \$1.7 billion, according to industry estimates. Grosses have been boosted by higher ticket prices, up to \$7 in some theatres.

Other moviegoers went to Disney's modest comedy, "Honey, I shrunk the kids," in record numbers.

Pharmaceuticals, pesticides, brand-name foods and music cassettes are among the goods Washington claims are being produced in India at an estimated annual loss to US manufacturers of some \$123 million.

On May 25, US officials included India on a "priority watch list" of eight nations considered "egregious violators" of US intellectual property laws.

The move came in tandem with India being listed with Brazil and Japan as countries that must remove restrictive trade barriers, and India now has to make "significant progress" by Nov 1 in addressing US complaints about copyright violations.

Washington says failure to improve could lead to trade sanctions, an action in line with the Bush administration's firm stance against nations deemed unfair traders under the "Super 301" clause of the Trade Act.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has rejected negotiations outright and the dispute threatens to jeopardize India's lucrative trade relationship with the United States, currently worth \$5.7 billion annually with \$671 million in New Delhi's favour.

The controversy hinges on the enthusiasm of US businesses to penetrate India's booming consumer market and New Delhi's longstanding refusal to open its protected economy to foreign companies that do not agree to strong restrictions requiring contributions to Indian industrial development.

The policies have left India one of the few nations where the products of multinationals are rarely seen, and US officials say American companies are wary of entering the Indian market.



Winona Ryder, who plays Jerry Lee Lewis' wife in the movie 'Great Balls of Fire', arrives at the film's premier showing in New York on Monday. Below, Lewis and his son arrive at the premier of the film about Lewis' life starring Dennis Quaid. (Reuters wirephotos)



Titan, Saturn's biggest moon, may have dry land: scientist

LOS ANGELES, June 27, (Reuters): A recent radar search of Saturn's biggest moon shows that Titan is not entirely covered by liquid ethane as previously believed, a planetary scientist said yesterday.

Researchers at the California Institute of Technology and the jet propulsion

laboratory bounced radar echoes off Titan, 1.9 times bigger than the Earth's moon, between June 3 and 5.

"We are now sure Titan is not entirely covered with an ocean of ethane," said Duane Muhleman, professor of planetary science at the California Institute and leader of the radar research group.

"The radar echo from Titan was the weakest such echo ever measured, but we were able to obtain a great deal of information," he said.

"The weak echoes could have come from ethane oceans, but the ocean is certainly not universal and there may very well be some dry land," Muhleman said.

"It is reasonable to assume the solid surface is made up of ice and perhaps solid carbon dioxide, silicates and tars," Muhleman said. "If the surface can support hills and mountains they could stand above the liquid hydrocarbons and the surface may resemble oceans and continents."

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Call for new legal order

Mole in the hole: whose side was he on?

THE HAGUE, June 27, (Reuters): Robert Mugabe, president of Zimbabwe and chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, called yesterday for a new legal order to solve problems ranging from Third World poverty to outer space pollution.

"We all share this tormented earth and harm done in any part of it will extract a heavy toll on all of us. Rules must be made and compiled with ...," he told the opening session of a five-day Non-Aligned conference on international law.

Mugabe's address was read by Zimbabwe Foreign Minister and conference chairman Nathan Shamuyarira.

Non-Aligned nations met to launch a global drive to boost law as a means to solve international problems.

Foreign ministers and other senior officials will discuss a declaration calling on countries to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the Hague-based International Court of Justice, delegates said.

The meeting also commemorates the first world peace conference held in The Hague in 1899 and will call on the UN General Assembly to declare a decade of peace and international law ending in 1999 with another world peace gathering here.

"Our century has experienced two world wars and numerous national wars, especially in the Third World, and the death of millions of people. The next century and succeeding generations should do better," Mugabe's statement said.

"International peace and security require an improvement in the welfare of the people," it said.

"The success of the law of the sea regime should guide us in this regard. We need to have fair and reliable rules also for outer space, the sea-bed and Antarctica...we are really in the same boat together."

MOSCOW, June 27, (Reuters): A young US naval intelligence operative who died last week, one year after being hailed by Moscow as a refugee from FBI and CIA persecution, was in fact a KGB agent and a Soviet hero, an official newspaper said today.

But a carefully-phrased obituary notice from the Soviet security police saying he had died suddenly on June 22 aged 32 left open the question whether he was an American or

a Russian infiltrated into the United States while still in his teens.

And a Moscow-based analyst suggested that the spy might have been a double or even a triple agent, and that the truth might never be known.

The obituary in the Defence Ministry newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda identified the young man as Mikhail Yevgenyevich Orlov, adding only in brackets the American name

— Glenn Michael Souther — under which he entered the US Navy in 1975.

Orlov, it said, "had a short but full and brilliant life which was totally devoted to the struggle for removing the threat of nuclear war hanging over mankind and for a better life for ordinary people."

"Over a long period, he performed important special missions and made a major contribution to ensuring the state security of

the Soviet Union," the obituary added, describing him as "a Soviet agent and KGB officer."

When his "defection" and request for political asylum were announced in Moscow in July 1988, Orlov described himself in Soviet press and television interviews as an American who had become disgusted with US behaviour towards other countries.

US officials confirmed that he had served

on board vessel of the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean and after leaving the Navy in 1982 had studied Russian at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, a navy base.

But there was no suggestion at the time in Soviet interviews or statements from the Moscow Foreign Ministry or US State Department that he might have been a Russian or that his real name was not Souther.

Asked at a Moscow news briefing today

what his name really had been, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov replied: "I think his name was Orlov." But he said he had no other details on the case.

According to an account last July in the government newspaper Izvestia, Souther had risen to become chief press officer for the commander-in-chief of the Sixth Fleet during his naval service after enlisting at the age of 18.

Oil spills blamed on mistakes

Clean-up continues



Oil cleanup workers drag oil absorbent booms into place along the beach at Mackerel Cove in Jamestown, Rhode Island. (Reuters wirephoto)

CLAYMONT, Delaware, June 27, (AP): A prematurely dropped anchor may have contributed to an 800,000-gallon (3-million-liter) oil spill in the Delaware River, where workers removed by hand "black jello" that mechanical skimmers couldn't suck up.

The spill was one of three that occurred in US waters last week-end.

Tropical Storm Allison slowed the clean-up in the Houston Ship Channel. Off Rhode Island, most of the estimated 420,000 gallons (1.6 million litre) of oil spilled from the Greek tanker World Prodigy no longer threatened the shore.

Coast Guard hearings were to begin Tuesday on the spills off Rhode Island and Texas, which resulted from a collision of the tanker Rachel-B and an oil barge owned by Coastal Towing Co. of Houston.

Coast Guard Capt. Eric Williams of the Providence office said the only evidence found so far showed that human error played a role in the spill.

He said there was no evidence of mechanical failure and noted that the ship's captain, Iakovos Georgiadis, told Gov. Edward DiPrete he had made a mistake. DiPrete said that Georgiadis told him he erred in plotting the ship's course and by not having a pilot guide the ship at the mouth of Narragansett Bay.

Along 20 miles (32 kilometres) of the Delaware River, workers in boats scooped up blobs of congealed oil larger than basketballs, stuffing the goo into large trash bags. Skimmers dispatched after the Uruguayan tanker Presidente Rivera ran aground Saturday jammed in the dense oil blobs.

Getting green, but no party

EUGENE, Oregon, June 27, (UPI): A national conference of members of the Green environmental group concluded Sunday night with delegates approving several resolutions, including two dealing with forests and a deadly gas leak in India.

The 200 to 250 delegates at the five-day gathering also decided not to form a national green party, but encouraged Green political activities at local and state levels.

The Green representatives passed a resolution urging preservation of rain forests, the destruction of which they called "the most serious eco-catastrophe happening on earth."

They also voted to ask the supreme court of India to resume the trial of Union Carbide for its responsibility in causing a gas leak that killed thousands of people in Bhopal in 1984.

The Green organisation, a pro-environmental, anti-nuclear movement that started in Europe, has more than 200 chapters across the United States.

N-sub: hook, line and sinker

OSLO, June 27, (UPI): A Soviet naval tug and a destroyer stood by alongside a crippled Soviet atomic-powered submarine carrying nuclear weapons as it limped home yesterday following a fire aboard the sub, Norwegian officials said.

Norwegian authorities reported late yesterday the stricken sub was about 70 miles (110 km) off northern Norway.

They said it appeared the tug planned to fasten lines to the cruise missile submarine, although the Soviets earlier said towing was unnecessary.

A reactor accident aboard the submarine, which was carrying nuclear weapons, was the second such incident in three months, but Soviet authorities said there were no casualties and no leak of radioactivity.

Norwegian authorities reported a fire aboard the sub off the northern coast of Norway but said it was apparently under control within hours of the early morning accident.

Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov said "the crew is safe," the radiation level aboard the 4,800-ton, Soviet "Echo-2" class cruise missile submarine was normal and "the accident does not present any ecological hazards."

Vladimir Chernavin, chief of the Soviet Navy, said on the evening "Vremya" Soviet television news programme the submarine carried nuclear weapons but that they were not a threat.

Chernavin said the submarine would arrive Thursday at its base at Severomorsk north of Murmansk, the Soviet Union's Arctic naval port.

The submarine will travel on its own power but it will be accompanied by our ships, which will render assistance if necessary," Chernavin said.

The submarine was identified by the Norwegian rescue centre in Bodoe as "a twin-engine nuclear-powered submarine ... capable of carrying eight cruise missiles," centre spokesman Terje Lien said. Cruise missiles, which can be launched from the air, land and sea, can carry nuclear warheads.

It was the fifth accident involving a Soviet nuclear-powered submarine this decade.

A nuclear attack submarine of the "Mike" class caught fire and sank April 8 about 310 miles (500 km) off Norway, killing 42 of the 69 men aboard.

On Oct 6, 1986, a Soviet nuclear-powered submarine carrying 16 nuclear-tipped missiles sank in the Atlantic Ocean three days after being rocked by explosion and fire that killed three crewmen.

On Aug 10, 1983, US intelligence reported that a Soviet nuclear-powered submarine sank in the North Pacific two months earlier. Most or all of the 90 crew members were killed.

On Aug 21, 1980, a Soviet nuclear submarine in the North China Sea was crippled when a short circuit sparked a fire. Nine aboard were killed.

Soviet marines wait on the deck of the crippled submarine. (Reuters wirephoto)

Vessels overdue for the scrapyard

Subs ageing fast

LONDON, June 27, (Reuters): The Soviet submarine fleet, hit by a second accident in northern seas in three months, combines some of the world's mightiest weaponry with vessels overdue for the scrapyard.

A nuclear-powered Echo-2 class submarine yesterday suffered a crippling breakdown in one of its two reactors off Norway and was limping home under auxiliary power.

The accident followed one on April 7 when a more modern Mike class vessel caught fire and sank in the same area with the loss of 42 lives.

Moscow's awesome force for nearly 400 submarines was built up over three decades by the father of the Soviet Navy, Admiral Sergei Gorchikov, in his drive to match US sea power. It became a spearhead of Moscow's push for influence beyond home shores.

The 1980s saw annual submarine production ease to four, compared with 80 built during the heady decade of the 1960s. But old vessels are kept in service or moored in coastal back-

waters. "Short of mechanical parts and subject to frequent mechanical breakdowns, many of the older submarines, perhaps as many as 40 per cent of the fleet, have become more dangerous to their own crews than to their Western opponents," US naval expert Jan Bremner wrote in a recent study.

Paul Beaver, naval analyst with Jane's Defence Information Group, said the vessel involved in yesterday's incident was an example of outdated technology kept at sea despite past problems.

"The Echo-2 is not a very lucky class and it's probably being used 'now only as a training vessel. It's beset by problems over the last two decades with three major incidents recorded," he said.

Western naval sources say Soviet submarines, about half of them nuclear-powered, had suffered 20 "major events" — in the last 20 years.

I'm not going away: Savimbi

Exile plan denied

JAMBA, Angola, June 27, (UPI): Guerrilla leader Jonas Savimbi is vehemently denying he agreed to go into exile as part of negotiations to end Angola's 14-year civil war but he moderated his demands and said he hoped for an early political settlement.

"The spirit of peace is stronger than any one of us," the leader of the US-backed UNITA guerrilla movement told a news conference today at his southern Angolan stronghold on the third day of a cease-fire with the Cuban-supported government in Luanda.

Savimbi came face-to-face with Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos for the first time last Thursday at a summit of 18 African leaders in the northern Zairean town of Gbadolite, and the two adversaries sealed the cease-fire with a handshake.

The truce appeared to be holding, Savimbi said today.

Savimbi also thanked the US government for its covert military support of UNITA, the Union for the Total Independence of Angola, and said he had received assurances from President George Bush that aid would continue to flow until an agreement on a government of "national unity" is reached with Luanda.

The United States, which has never recognised Angola's 14-year-old post-independence government, is sending a top official to Luanda next month to discuss future bilateral relations, Angolan National Radio said today.

It said US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Herman Cohen would arrive in Luanda on July 7.

Washington has refused to recognise the left-wing Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) government which declared independence from Portugal in 1975.

Instead, it has been actively supporting Savimbi's anti-government rebels.

Poison sprayed, what nonsense

JOHANNESBURG, June 27, (Agencies): Unknown attackers sprayed poison in a school chapel in a Johannesburg suburb where the annual conference of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) was due to begin last evening, church officials said.

The school, St Barnabas, which is private and open to all races, is located in an eastern suburb of Johannesburg reserved for people classified "coloured" under South Africa's racial laws.

The attack occurred Sunday night about 50 yards from where the West German Labour and Social Affairs Minister, Norbert Blum, met yesterday with South African religious leaders, including SACC president Manas Buthelezi and SACC general secretary Frank Chikane.

"Our chapel has been sprayed with a toxic substance. It shows the urgency and seriousness for the forces of change. For us it is a life and death situation," Chikane told a news conference later.

The headmaster of St Barnabas College, Michael Arthur Stanton Corke, said: "A preliminary investigation of the substance made by the head of our science school suggests that it is a cyanide-based insecticide or weedkiller."

Jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela has warmly praised veteran white South African liberal Helen Suzman on her retirement from a 36-year parliament battle against apartheid.

His was one of several messages, including accolades from President George Bush and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, sent to a public meeting yesterday where Suzman made her last annual report to constituents about Parliament.

Suzman, 71, an unrelenting campaigner for political rights for South Africa's voiceless black majority, said last month she would not contest Johannesburg's Houghton constituency in September elections.

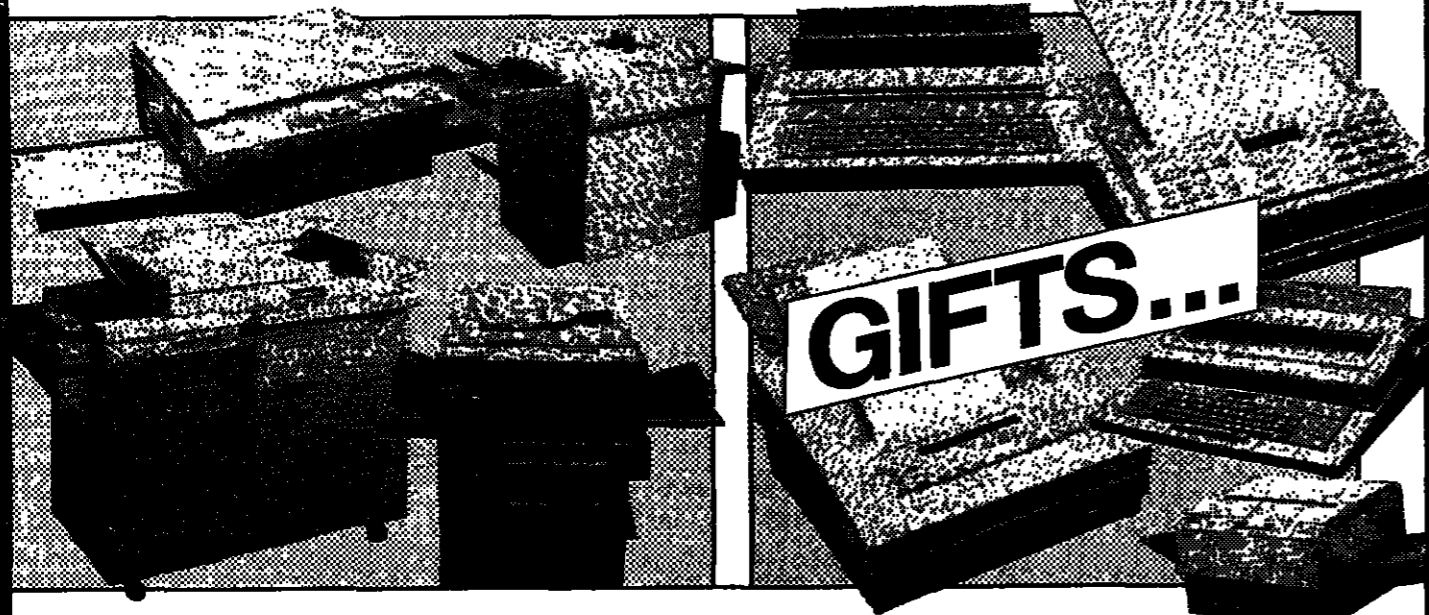
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Risk of heart disease

LONDON, June 27. (KUNA): Small babies face the greatest risk of heart disease in later life, according to a warning here today.

Professor David Baker, director of the British Medical Research Council unit at Southampton general hospital, southern England, was quoted by the British media as saying that cigarette smoking, diet and exercise were important but secondary issues — lightweight babies were three times more likely to die from heart diseases.

Wright's politics

WASHINGTON, June 27. (Reuters): Former US House Speaker Jim Wright, the Texas congressman who gave up the third highest position in the US government because of an ethics scandal, said yesterday he was finished with electoral politics.

Bullet in brain

HOUSTON, June 27. (UPI): Doctors yesterday removed a tiny bullet fragment, causing life-threatening swelling in the brain of a man shot by a gunman in El Salvador, and said the 72-year-old orphanage worker faces "some critical days ahead." The operation lasted 3-1/2 hours.

Cocaine smuggling

HAVANA, June 27. (AP): A tribunal of Cuba's top military officers recommended early today that a highly-decorated general be court-martialed for his alleged involvement in a cocaine smuggling ring, news reports said.

The 47-member tribunal, which began meeting on Sunday, recommended that Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa be dishonorably discharged from the military and lose all the honours he has been awarded, the state news agency Prensa Latina reported.

No.3 man convicted

NEWARK, New Jersey, June 27. (UPI): The reputed No.3 man in the Genovese Mafia hierarchy was convicted yesterday of plotting to kill powerful rival underworld boss John Gotti of the Gambino crime clan and of ordering the murder of a suspected Mafia bagman.

3 dead in collisions

MUNICH, June 27. (AP): A massive, fiery chain-reaction pileup involving 80 vehicles on a major highway killed three people yesterday and injured 25, police said.

Police said one of the vehicles was transporting a small amount of nuclear material used for medical purposes but that the containers carrying the material were not damaged.

Crushing revolt

KIETA, Papua New Guinea, June 27. (AP): Government forces burned homes and rounded up villagers in an operation aimed at crushing a separatist revolt that has closed a giant copper mine, news reports said yesterday.

The rebels were reported overnight to have destroyed a power plant at a farm run by Bougainville Copper Ltd, which owns the economically crucial mine on northern Bougainville island.

Army patrol kills 42

AYACUCHO, Peru, June 27. (AP): An Army patrol battled leftist rebels at their remote highland stronghold killing 42 of them in some of the worst fighting in the rebels' nine-year insurgency, a military official said yesterday.

Quake in Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador, June 27. (AP): A second quake in the past 12 hours shook several cities and villages in Ecuador yesterday, the Seismologic Institute of Quito reported.

The epicenter of the quake, which registered 4.5 on the Richter scale at 09:01 am (1401 GMT), was located at 50 miles (80 km) northeast of the port city of Guayaquil and 168 miles (270 km) southeast of this capital, the institute said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

Portuguese violence

BARCELONA, June 27. (AP): Baton-wielding national guardsmen charged villagers who were protesting a mine project in northern Portugal, and several villagers were injured.

According to witnesses contacted by telephone from Lisbon, National Republican Guard troops armed with batons charged protestors' barricades, injuring at least two men, who were transported to hospital in nearby Barcelona.

Top in heroin hauls

ROME, June 27. (Reuters): More heroin was seized in Italy last year than in any other European country but Spain was far ahead in cocaine, according to figures released in Rome.

One year ban

LAGOS, June 27. (AP): The military government has ordered six universities closed for a year because of student involvement in riots that left 43 people dead, Education Minister Jubril Aminu has announced.

Aminu also said yesterday that two other universities will remain closed until the next school year on Sept 30.

15 starved to death

MAPUTO, June 27. (UPI): Fifteen prisoners starved to death in a Mozambican prison recently due to a lack of funds to feed them, the Reuters news agency reported yesterday.

The scandal came to light when the governor of Manica province, Rafael Maguini, visited the prison in the central Mozambican city of Chimio. Prison authorities told the governor their annual budget of \$15,000 sufficed for only three months.

Plane crash

STE-ANNE-DES-MONTS, Quebec, June 27. (AP): A plane carrying four people hit a mountain and burst into flames on the Gaspé peninsula late yesterday, police said. Three bodies were found.

20,000 troops quell Soviet riots

MOSCOW, June 27. (Reuters): More than 20,000 Soviet Interior troops are dealing with outbreaks of unrest across the country, most of them in Uzbekistan where about 100 people have died in riots this month, a senior official said today.

Major-General Yuri Alexeyev, deputy chief of the Interior Ministry troops, told a news briefing several thousand were deployed in the Transcaucasian republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, which are locked in a bloody territorial dispute.

"In the Uzbek region of Fergana, about 12,000 Interior troops are preventing further outbreaks of disorder," Alexeyev said. "If you are talking about all areas of unrest, I would say that more than 20,000 have been deployed."

The troops, who are equipped with helicopters, tanks and armoured personnel carriers, are trained in anti-riot techniques and have made several appearances on the streets of Soviet towns and cities in the past year. They were sent to the Armenian capital

Yerevan last September to enforce a ban on mass demonstrations following a fresh outbreak of unrest over the disputed Azerbaijani region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

In December the troops were sent back to Yerevan and to the Azerbaijani capital Baku after a new wave of killings in the two republics. More than 90 people have lost their lives in the dispute since February last year.

The troops have remained in Baku and Yerevan, as well as in Nagorno-Karabakh and other regions of the two republics.

Give back our Turks, Evren asks Bulgaria

Working-age people held back

KAPIKULE, Turkey, June 27. (Reuters): President Kenan Evren greeted refugees flooding in from Bulgaria today and said Turkey would welcome up to 1.5 million others.

Visiting the border with Bulgaria, Evren spoke to the latest arrivals of a stream of over 72,000 ethnic Turks who have arrived this month on foot or in cars or freight trains, many of them destitute.

"I spent over five years in jail because I supported our cause... They (the Bulgarian government) forced me to leave my 19-year-old son behind," refugee Ali Kara Eminoglu told Evren after driving over the border.

Refugees said all of Bulgaria's estimated 1.5 million ethnic Turks, mainly farmers and labourers, wanted to come to Turkey to escape an assimilation campaign aimed at forcing them to adopt Slavic names and customs.

"Let them all come... if Bulgaria thinks we will close the border, they are mistaken," Evren told refugees crowded into a camp in the border town of Edirne.

Evren's concern with the crisis, a rare intervention by the head of state in day-to-day affairs, underlined Ankara's anger with Sofia over the issue.

Soviet ambassador Albert Chernishev, returning yesterday from visits to Moscow and Sofia, said the Soviet Union was trying to mediate.

"We support a diplomatic solution," a Soviet official told Reuters, adding that Chernishev carried a message from Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov for Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

Chernishev told reporters he believed Sofia was taking a positive approach to a request by Ankara for a broad agreement to regulate the exodus.

Turkey says it wants to secure the property rights of those who leave Bulgaria and the cultural rights of those who stay.

The exodus began after ethnic Turks staged hunger strikes and protest marches in Bulgaria in May to protest against assimilation.

Turkish officials have said at least 50 ethnic Turks were killed in clashes with security forces. Sofia has said seven died.

Almost all the refugee arrivals were given Bulgarian passports with tourist visas for Turkey. Some say they were virtually deported and many say they had to leave behind working-age relatives and all their possessions.

"I am just happy because I saw Turkish earth," said an 80-year-old woman named Veliha at the border crossing point of Kapikule, sobbing at the thought of the three sons and three daughters who had been prevented from leaving with her.

Bulgaria has said it has given out 150,000 passports and is processing 100,000 more. But the Turkey-based Balkan Immigrants and Refugee Federation said Sofia was changing its policy.

"Because of labour force problems... the latest news is that the Bulgarians are taking some of the passports back and removing bread ration books from those who refuse to go to work," federation head Mumin Gençoglu said in a statement.

Bulgaria, facing international criticism for the treatment of its ethnic Turkish minority, accused Ankara yesterday of war-mongering.

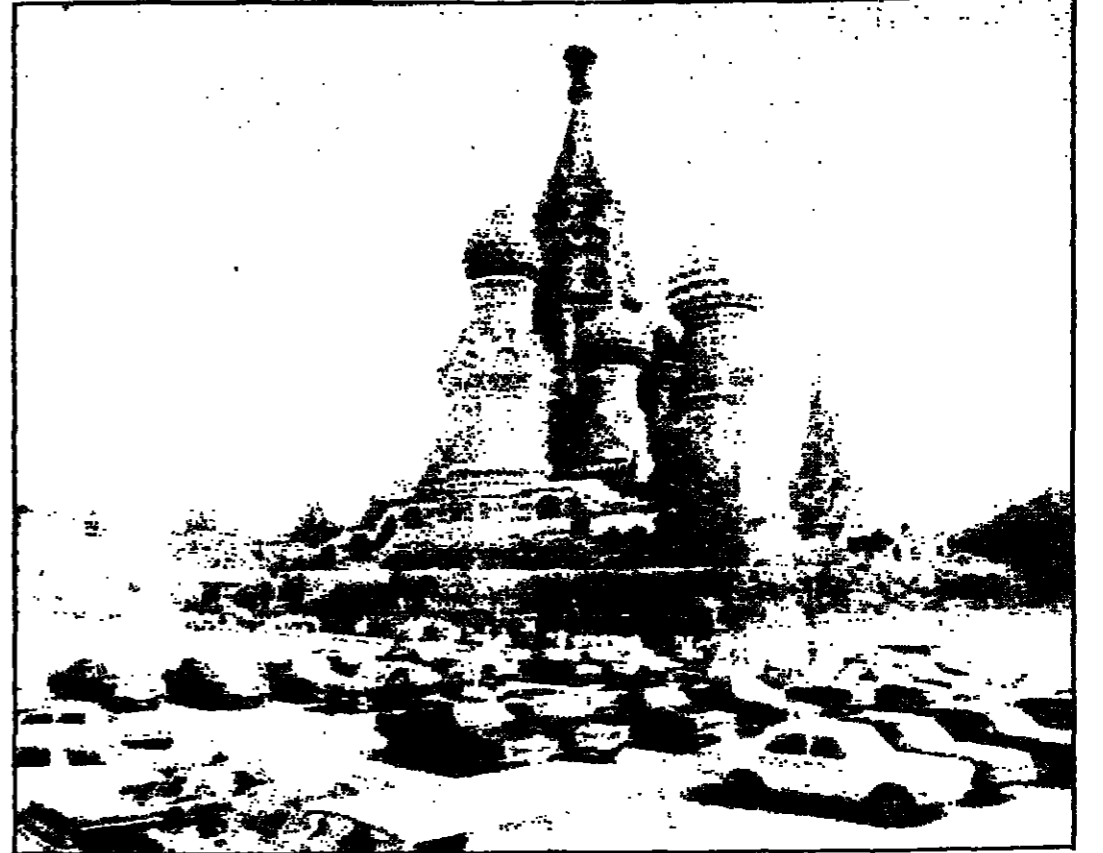
The official Hungarian BTA news agency said a huge anti-Bulgarian demonstration held in Istanbul's Taksim Square on Saturday was not a spontaneous public protest but organised by the government.

"The government itself is behind the bellicose threats against our country," BTA said, citing media reports that several cabinet ministers attended the rally and Ozal watched the demonstration from a helicopter.

Up to 50,000 Turks, shouting "Send in the Army to Sofia," accused Bulgaria of persecuting its ethnic Turkish minority. The rally was the largest to take place in Turkey this decade.

The London-based human rights group Amnesty International has protested to Zhivkov about reports that Bulgarian security forces had beaten Turkish demonstrators and that at least eight people were killed in the unrest.

The White House has accused Bulgaria of blatantly violating human rights.



In session

Rows of official cars stand outside St. Basil's Cathedral indicating that the Supreme Soviet is in session. (Reuters wirephoto)

Call to keep genie in check

GENEVA, June 27. (Agencies): The United States called today for the same trial inspections during negotiation of a ban on chemical weapons as it proposed to Moscow at separate talks on reducing strategic nuclear arms.

Ambassador Max L. Friedersdorf, US delegate to the 40-nation disarmament conference, said he "wanted to stress the personal commitment" of President Bush to chemical arms control.

But detailed and effective verification is "critical" and "the building of confidence must begin well before an agreement enters into force," Friedersdorf told the multilateral conference.

"We strongly support advance data exchange, with provisions for its verification, and trial inspections as essential components of the process of negotiating a chemical weapons ban," he said. "Having an agreement without effective verification would be worse than having no agreement at all."

Washington last week made the same proposal for trial verification procedures at the separate START negotiations with the Soviets on a strategic arms reduction treaty.

US negotiator Richard Burt told reporters that such trial on-site inspection of missile facilities and other compliance procedures were not a precondition for accord but would "enhance and accelerate" negotiation of a treaty.

Five former US secretaries of state and defence urged the US government to push for a nuclear weapons reduction treaty with the Soviet Union, but warned the US does not know enough about Kremlin intentions "to justify extraordinary political or economic concessions."

A report released yesterday and signed by the five secretaries and six other ex-officials also counselled US President George Bush to show restraint on developing space-based defences.

James Schlesinger, secretary of defence in the Nixon administration, criticised the Soviet leader for agreeing last week to resume arms aid to Iran. He said it showed Gorbachev is still seeking "marginal advantage" over the West and in that respect "failing the test."

Still, the report urged the administration to push hard to complete the treaty to reduce long-range bombers, missiles and submarines by 30 to 50 per cent. After a seven-month recess, the Bush administration resumed negotiations last week in Geneva.

Soviet Nobel laureate Andrei D. Sakharov said yesterday a gradual trimming of the Soviet military and a halving of service time for enlisted men would have "a colossal effect for world disarmament."

Arms reduction should be the top Soviet foreign policy priority towards the turn of the century, Sakharov told reporters at the Nobel Institute, home of the committee which awarded him the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize.

He said the number of Soviet army officers should be reduced at a slower rate "with the view of setting up an all-professional army."

Sakharov gave a carefully worded criticism of the Soviet response to the crushing of the Chinese democracy movement and the death sentences against Chinese students.

Ryzhkov gives in on nominees

First time in Soviet history

MOSCOW, June 27. (UPI): Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov agreed today to withdraw the names of six of his cabinet choices who were not endorsed by legislative committees, marking the first time in Soviet history that parliament has rejected high government candidates.

Ryzhkov, acknowledging that the revamped Supreme Soviet had turned down nearly half of his proposed 13-member cabinet, told the newly emboldened lawmakers that he would nominate other people for the senior posts, the official Tass news agency said.

The rejected candidates included two present cabinet members Ryzhkov had wanted to remain on the job, Culture Minister Vasily Zakharov and Marat Gramov, chairman of the state committee for physical culture and sports.

Ryzhkov's announcement came one day after the parliament approved a legislative agenda that would overhaul the legal system and give Soviet citizens more power in virtually every sphere of life from courts and churches to trade unions and grass-roots government.

"Soviet head of government Nikolai Ryzhkov accepted the decision of parliamentary committees and commissions that denied endorsement to six of his candidates for ministerial posts," Tass said. "This is the first time in Soviet history that parliament rejected candidates for government positions."

The six cabinet choices were not recommended last week.

Ryzhkov told reporters after a session of the Supreme Soviet that he could not defend his nominees, rejected last week following tough questioning by parliamentary bodies.

"I said I agreed with the conclusions of the parliamentary commissions and committees," he said. "I could not see any substantial proof that would enable me to defend them."

Parliamentarians had attacked them as unskilled in their portfolios or as failures in their previous jobs.

Ryzhkov also said he would support a law authorizing parliamentary referendums on future governments — the "no-confidence" votes common in many Western legislatures.

The premier also disclosed that more than 100 cities across the country are facing severe environmental problems — and that ministers earn \$16,000 a year, a huge salary by Soviet standards.

Ryzhkov's disclosure of senior officials' pay level drew a quick retort from Gorbachev, who noted that a good collective farm chief can make as much as \$34,000 a year.

Ryzhkov said his government, in an effort to direct money toward other sectors of the economy, would "consistently reduce defence spending," "proceeding from the principle of reasonable sufficiency," Tass reported.

'I want to meet Gorbachev'

MOSCOW, June 27. (UPI): Tony Aliengena, the 11-year-old California kid pilot who flew to Moscow yesterday as part of his round-the-world flight, said today he wants to tour Red Square and meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Aliengena, of San Juan Capistrano in Orange county, landed his single-engine Cessna-210 at Sheremetyevo airport yesterday at 3 pm, flying in from Leningrad along with his father, Gray, his mother, Susan and sister, Alaina, and a Soviet boy Roman Cherenykh.

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PASOK coalition mandate fails

Papa getting better

ATHENS, June 27. (AP): Ailing caretaker Premier Andreas Papandreu today failed to gain communist support in forming a coalition government that would lead Greece out of a nine-day political deadlock.

Negotiations between the premier's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) and the communist-led coalition of the left and progress ended at noon with no agreement reached.

The 70-year-old Papandreu was "continually improving," a medical bulletin issued by his doctors said. He was hospitalized Thursday for pneumonia but later developed kidney and heart complications. He was forced to appoint a representative to negotiate on his behalf.

Communist Party leader Harilaos Florakis said that PASOK's proposals "were equally interesting" as those made to him last week by conservative New Democracy Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis. He did not disclose PASOK's proposals.

He added, however, that a coalition government "should not be headed either by Papandreu or Mitsotakis" as this would not be acceptable to all parties.

Just a 'bit' faster

AMHERST, Massachusetts

June 27. (UPI): Scientists have developed a computer that works 40 times faster than the fastest super computer but more research is needed to determine whether the machine has widespread applications, a researcher said yesterday.

The new computer was built at the University of Massachusetts by a team of 22 physicists and engineers from UMass, Columbia University, Texas A and M University, the University of Guanajuato in Mexico and the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois.

The computer, which is about nine-feet-tall (2.7 m) and resembles a bookcase, was developed to perform high-speed calculations involving particle physics, said Michael Kreiser, a University of Massachusetts physicist.

"What we were interested in learning is what happens when two protons collide at very high energies," said Kreiser.

The repetitive calculations necessary for completing the study would take "about 30,000 years to calculate on a standard computer," Kreiser said. So in 1981, the scientists began designing a computer that would reduce the time needed to complete the calculations, Kreiser said.

Accused followed Palme, says hot dog salesman

STOCKHOLM, June 27. (Reuters): A hot dog salesman testified today that he saw the man accused of murdering Swedish prime minister Olof Palme following him and his wife on the night of the murder.

Anders Bjorkman identified defendant Christer Pettersson as the man he saw following the Palmes down Sveagatan in central Stockholm a few minutes before a lone gunman shot the prime minister in the back on the evening of Feb 28, 1986.

The testimony strengthened the prosecution's case against Pettersson, who denies the murder. Last week, Palme's widow Lisbet identified Pettersson as a man she saw looking at her and her husband lying on the ground seconds after the shooting.

Bjorkman was selling sausages in a kiosk when he saw the Palmes walk past him after coming out of the cinema.

"I was curious and looked to see if the Palmes had some bodyguards with them. They didn't and the only person I saw was a man that was walking three to five metres

(yards) behind them," he said. He then pointed to Pettersson sitting in the court and said he was sure he was the same man. He had also identified him shortly after his arrest last December.

Legal experts said the testimony was important since the prosecution now had witnesses who had remembered seeing Pettersson outside the cinema, walking down the street and at the murder scene itself. But nobody saw him with a gun or had a good view of the actual shooting.

Interior Ministry vigilant against drug smugglers

Problem being contained

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE Ministry of Interior is vigilant and exerts every effort to foil any attempts at smuggling drugs into the country, according to a ministry official.

"Drug abuse in Kuwait is a phenomenon and not a serious problem," First Lieutenant Abdul Wahab Al Mijrin said during an open lecture held yesterday on the Anti-drug Day. However, the authorities have contributed significantly and

continue to do so to contain the drug problem, the official added.

Mijrin called on parents to co-operate with authorities in reporting any addiction in the family. He added that the addict will be admitted to the clinic for treatment and no action will be taken against patients who are admitted for the first time. However, if the addict was reported again or arrested, legal action will be instituted.

Dr Hussein Al Momen, head of the School Health Department attributed the increase in drug addiction among students

to the affluence of society, and lack of parental supervision and control. He said that students should always be warned of the harmful results of using drugs and added that addiction to regular cigarettes is a contributory factor leading to drug addiction.

The official attributed the spread of drugs in the world to the sophisticated techniques developed by traffickers and to the various modes by which they induced young people and even adults to entice them into the drug scene. Momen said that

addiction leads to decline in health, tendency to loneliness, loss of appetite and a loss of reality.

Momen called for enhanced co-ordination among different authorities, schools and parents and called on the media to undertake awareness campaigns to highlight the dangers of drug addiction among youngsters.

The lecture highlighted the plight of addicts by depicting in pictures the various diseases such as AIDS, kidney tumours and anaemia among drug addicts.

Standards low, says new university rector

New strategy planned

By Mohammad Al Barjes

THE level of academic standards of graduates at Kuwait University poses a serious problem, according to the new rector Dr Shueb Abdulla. In an interview with Sepassa, the official said that he will work to bring about a clear academic strategy that will serve as a vehicle towards producing graduates who will meet the requirements of the development plans and interact with the needs of society.

Plans to build new buildings for faculties of engineering, law, human sciences and administrative sciences at the university's campus in Shuwaikh Area are on the anvil, the official said and added that buildings of the Faculty of Science in Khaldiya will also be developed to cope with the continuous growth of the faculty.

He went on to state that the university has determined administrative plans to develop the qualifications and efficiency of teachers at Kuwait University. "The university as a rule will not renew contracts of teachers who have reached the age of retirement — except in very rare majors," the official said.

On the issue of jobs for Kuwaiti graduates, Shueb said that training courses are undertaken to qualify these graduates to join the mainstream of activities. However, some graduates insist on working in certain posts which make it difficult to meet their demands. Ministries usually announce vacancies for graduates. He cited the example of the Ministry of Justice who published ads in local papers on several occasions calling on graduates to apply for jobs, he said.

Shueb praised the present courses system (American), but added that a decision taken by the council of the university prior to his undertaking his new post preferred applying the traditional academic system at the Faculty of Law.

Explaining, he said that the Faculty of Law will follow an academic system that combines the four year system with the course system. He added that according to the new system, exams will be held every two months, in addition to the finals. All grades of these exams will be taken into consideration, he said.

Shueb described payments of the teaching staff of the university as good compared to those offered by universities in neighbouring countries and ruled out any amendment in the pay scale of teaching staff. However, the university will offer incentives such as finding work opportunities for teachers of the university at the ministries and establishments during summer.



Jasmine Mary Jacob



Deepa Krishna Moorthy

99.4pc pass rate at Indian School, Kuwait

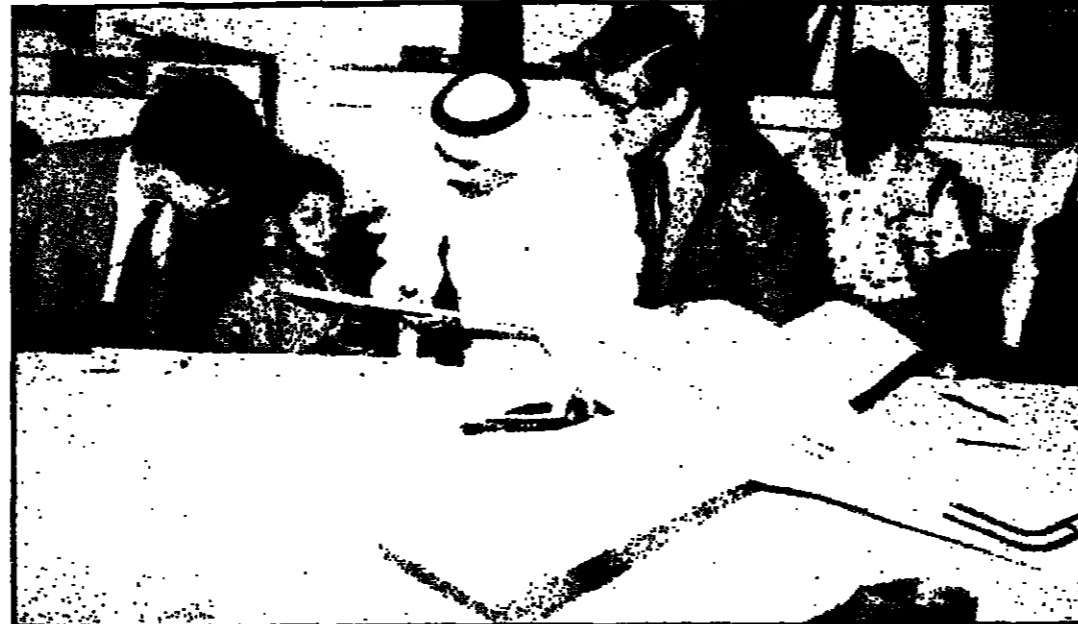
THE students of Std. X of the Indian School have done very well in the CBSE Xth class examination held in March 1989.

Jasmine Mary Jacob topped the list with an aggregate of 89 per cent marks. The second position was shared by Anila Sara Joy and Pooja Nanda with 87.4 per cent marks. Shreela Sherine Pauliah and Deepa T. Umikrishnan were placed at the third position with 85.4 per cent each.

The highest score in various

subjects are as follows: English — Manu Suseel, 89 per cent; Hindi — Nisha Mittal, 82 per cent; French — Jasmine Mary Jacob & Mahir Abdulla Petkar, 92 per cent; Mathematics — Deepa Krishna Moorthy, 100 per cent; Science — Vikas Sethi, 96 per cent; Social Science — Lincy Rachel John, 88 per cent.

Out of 356 students who appeared for the examination 96 got distinctions and 223 were placed in first division. The pass percentage was 99.4 per cent.



Japanese envoy at science club

THE Japanese ambassador in Kuwait visited the science club along with a number of officials from the Japanese embassy yesterday.

Upon arrival they were received by Adnan Yousef Al Meer, deputy board chairman of the club, Sheikh Sabah Hmood Al Sabah the acting General Secretary, Saeed Ahmad Al Asbahi the director of public relations and other officials.

Meer delivered a speech on behalf of board mem-

bers in which he welcomed the ambassador and gave a complete explanation on the club's development stages, the general activity plan and the club's programmes and courses.

A tea party was then held at the club centre during which the Japanese ambassador delivered a speech wishing club members more advancement in their activities. The ambassador then presented a number of members with solar powered batteries and other experimental equipment.

Bahrain to computerise traffic lights

MANAMA, June 27, (GNA):

Bahrain will introduce an ultra-modern computerised control system of all traffic lights on the island, from the month of December this year. Ministry of Public Works Assistant Under-secretary Ali Murad said that the new system, known as Soot, will control all traffic lights in the country by adopting the most appropriate time for them depending on the actual traffic movement.

He said that the system is the latest traffic lights control system and will be the first of its kind in the whole Gulf area. He said that all the traffic lights will be linked to the main control system and computers will analyse the traffic movements and link all traffic lights together, to greatly facilitate the traffic flow.

Adapt Murad said that information will be fed to the computerised system and the computer will automatically adapt each traffic light to be suitable with the others. He said that preliminary studies on the project showed that it will save at least 20 per cent of the waiting time of cars at traffic lights. The project will be carried out in phases and the first phase will include linking 20 traffic lights in Manama and Muharraq cities. The remaining traffic lights will be remodelled after evaluating the project, the official said.

PAAET requires 20 years to Kuwaitise workforce

THE open door admission policy at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training (PAAET) will continue for several more years, according to Ahmad Al Husaini, head of the admission office at the authority.

"The authority needs 20 more years to end the shortage in the local market," the official said. He pointed out that expatriates who apply for admission at the faculties of the authority should obtain over 90 per cent grades in the Secondary School Certificate. However, he added that the Minister of Higher Education has the authority to grant exceptions according to certain considerations.

The authority will complete a new Five-Year-Plan stipulating the general policies of admission in faculties and training centres of the authority. A committee will be set up to study the admission plan and its implications.

The percentage of success in the Secondary School Certificate, will directly influence the admission policy of the authority, including admission policy of Kuwait University as well as needs of the local market for graduates. The capacities of faculties and training centres will in turn have an effect on the admission policy of the authority, Husaini said.

Any student admitted in the authority cannot simultaneously be admitted to the university. There is strong co-operation between the university and the authority in this respect. The authority was established to provide middle level local technical manpower and the authority does not envisage establishing departments for higher studies, the official said.

Commenting on the lack of Kuwaiti manpower, the official said that there is only 1.6 per cent of Kuwaiti technical manpower in the local market and added that this is an insignificant percentage. There are many projects that have to be carried out in the future and the need for many workers is being addressed by the authority, the official added.

About 70 per cent of students at the Faculty of Health Sciences of the authority withdraw from the faculty before graduation, compared to 20 per cent in Faculties of Commercial Studies and Basic Education. The problem is intended to be solved by allowing students to transfer from one faculty to another and to change their majors.

"Some students join these faculties to escape from military service," Husaini said and added that some students obtain jobs during their studies and thus leave the faculties.

The authority has suspended the monthly payments given to students of the Faculty of Technological Studies (KDI 100) as the faculty has sufficient number of students. However, this amount is still being paid to students who study majors that are not applied for by students such as Post and Medical Secretariat, the official said.

Sheikh Duaij in Tunis

TUNIS, June 27, (KUNA): Director-General and Board Chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah conferred last night with Tunisian Premier Ali Hedi Paccouche on means of fostering bilateral co-operation in agricultural fields.

Sheikh Ibrahim told reporters that they discussed means of benefiting from Tunisian expertise in animal health and cultivation of desert areas in addition to other fields.

The distinctive co-operation relations between the two countries, which enjoy the concern of leaders of the two countries President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali and HH the Amir, were discussed as well, he added.

Sheikh Ibrahim said that he conveyed to Baccouche greetings of HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah during the meeting, also attended by Tunisian Agriculture Minister Nouri Al Zourqati and Kuwaiti Ambassador here Abdul Mohsen Al Jiyaan.

Road network comprehensive

10 cars for every 13 people in Kuwait

EXPRESS ROADS and highways have become one of the noticeable features of the recent construction boom in Kuwait. Roads are considered a civilisational measure of development due to their extreme importance in achieving economical and social growth.

Kuwait is concerned with constructing a comprehensive network of express roads to prevent traffic jams and to cut down the number of traffic accidents. A comprehensive plan was designed to link different Kuwaiti areas talking into consideration the population growth and the rapid increase in the number of automobiles during the coming 20 years.

The following survey tries to shed light on what has been achieved and the plans designated to develop the roads network, in addition to official preparations to confront the increasing requirements on traffic.

In the 1970's a special committee for the structural plan for Kuwait conducted comprehensive studies on the roads network. The network was then reassessed through the co-operation of the Ministry of Public Works, Kuwait Municipality and other concerned authorities.

Studies expressed a need for the establishment of an express roads network. Design works started in the mid 1970's and construction on roads started off in 1977. Construction work still continues on the express roads network and according to latest statistics conducted in 1988, paved roads accounted for 256 kilometres.

Planning The Director of the Organisation Department at Kuwait Municipality, Engineer Moosa Al Sarraf said that the plan of the country is based on organisational and planning work which became comprehensive in 1970.

He added that previous planning was only confined to providing and indicating residential, commercial and industrial areas. Plans for main and branch roads, in addition to distribution of residential areas were then added to the main plan.

Sarraf pointed out that the role of the municipality in the structural plan lies only in indicating road routes figures, and future expectations.

The structural plan is designed for five years ahead, and future expectations were designed for a 25 year period. Residents may notice roads, bridges and inter-sections outside residential areas, for example, residents may have never thought that there would be residential areas along the express Safar road, but now after completing construction on these areas the objective of the long term strategy has become real, Sarraf said.

He pointed out that the municipality co-operates with both Ministries of Public Works and the General Traffic Department at the Ministry of Interior in planning roads. The two authorities carry out budget preparations and provide workers for these projects. He said that implementing road projects does not only contain planning and paving, but also considerable supervision and censorship on these projects.

He added that each of these roads has a specific speed limit, and that over speeding constitutes a risk to motorists and road users in general. He pointed out that the maximum speed which is allowed on these roads

only represents 80 per cent of the designed speed limits.

Sarraf stated that the roads projects is mainly based on indicating the quality of road applications when structurally designed. Other considerations include the flow of traffic, and residential areas. He said that the department has conducted an expanded study in order to indicate automobile densities. The study revealed that a group of road users may go on several sandy tracks daily while going to work, this indicates that those users may use several roads in a specific period during the day. One of the most important objectives for the study was to indicate road user densities. Why do residents use their own cars for transportation? And do people unanimously agree to use group transportation methods if available? The study has revealed several matters which should be put into consideration while implementing future projects.

Balance Sarraf said that the general outlook of the structural plan has indicated that it is not feasible to provide the needed ground for each individual who uses his own car. The further roads are from the city centre, the more they become wider, and higher in speed and vice versa.

He added that structural planning is based on finding the balance required for transportation in all cases. On the other hand, he indicated that roads have many applications, such as recreational, industrial, commercial and residential. Expected traffic density, and road applications should be well known before the implementation of projects. He pointed out that statistics revealed that the average road use in Kuwait is between 1,200-1,400 per hour.

Sarraf indicated that Kuwait Municipality is conducting a study to get rid of traffic jams, especially since cars in Kuwait have increased annually at a rate of seven per cent. He said that statistics point out that the traffic flow will stagnate after five years.

To avoid this problem, car users should either use group transportation methods or leave the house earlier than usual. Sarraf added that cutting down on car densities at roads called for using group transportation. He indicated that there are 10 cars for every 13 persons in Kuwait.

Engineer Sarraf pointed out that Kuwait Municipality started studying the possibility of using railways in group transportation. This method is considered one of the most feasible methods in confronting the traffic rush problem.

He said that the municipality has put this idea on the top of the list to replace the use of private cars.

He said railways are characterised with a bigger capacity to carry more passengers. The study also indicated that buses can't be removed because they can enter internal areas to collect passengers for group transportation.

Sarraf explained that some railroad tracks were proven less feasible than others. He pointed out that the one starting from Hamad Al Mubarak Street in Salmiya, passing through Hawally Passports Square towards Hawally, and then to the city centre passing through Safat, Salmiya, Shuwaikh and finally Khaitan is feasible. This track has a length of 32 kilometres.

The Director of the Organis-

ing Department at the municipality said that express roads projects started in Kuwait in 1973. Project designs have differed with implementation stages. Concerned authorities have gained more experience through implementation stages and have made these authorities capable of modernising projects following the first stage. He added that the definition of express roads in Kuwait is different from other countries. Highways at some other countries may only be used for travelling long distances. But in Kuwait these roads are utilised daily. Sarraf added that express roads have helped resolve many obstacles. Drivers are now able to travel to remote areas with ease and in less time than before, in addition to the fact that these roads have helped in developing the surrounding residential areas.

Control The official talked about the Central Control Project in traffic lights which aims at linking all traffic lights with each other and according to the size and flow of traffic. He pointed out that this project is special for the Ministry of Interior. A study conducted in this regard was designed to link a total of 120 traffic lights as a first stage and 300 traffic lights in the second stage. The Central Control of Traffic Lights Project is considered one of the proposed resolutions for the fast flow of fire engines, ambulances and other vital services. The control system is connected to a control room that supervises traffic flow to avoid traffic jams to censor roads related to this project.

Ring roads The Director of the Express Roads Department at the Ministry of Public Works, Engineer Abdul Latif Al Dakheel said that due to the expansion in construction and the need to establish more residential areas which should be linked to the city centre officials have directed the establishing of several branch roads towards Kuwait city centre and to different residential areas.

The branch roads then were linked with ring roads such as the first ring road which is 200 metres away from the old Kuwaiti sour (wall). This was followed by establishing the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth ring roads which are separated 1.5 kilometres from each other. Due to the increase in Kuwait population in 1960's and the beginning of 1970's some short term resolution started to emerge to overcome traffic jams. Square inter-sections were replaced with traffic lights inter-sections and a number of steel bridges were then built on top of inter-sections as a speedy resolution to some of these jams.

Dakheel stated that the express roads network which is considered one of Kuwait's main projects started in 1974. To achieve better results, these roads were built with three or four lanes each of 3.7 metres width.

The Ministry of Public Works follows advanced scientific methods to preserve the roads and to keep them fit for the longest time possible.

Dakheel pointed out that there are three types of maintenance works for express roads, these include emergency maintenance caused by traffic accidents, and compulsory maintenance which is conducted on a monthly basis and a third includes protective maintenance as a form of specialised inspection on all road installations.

Visual information system being updated

THE director of Kuwait's Telegraph and Telephone Services Department Fadel Abol Hasan has said that the visual information system, Videotex, is being updated.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that arrangements have been made to provide all Videotex subscribers with information relevant to their lines of business be it commercial, social or recreation.

He said that Kuwait was the first country in the Middle East and the seventh in the world to introduce this service.

He added that the ministry's efforts to keep pace with international technological progress include plans to link the service directly to international and local information banks through a computer network.

He pointed out that the Videotex provides cooking recipes, information on child-care, weather, flight schedules, currency rates and international news.

The Videotex service can also transfer special messages with an exclusive access through an agreed-on password.

Medical counsel, financial and economic consultations and investment venues and information on industrial and cultural activities are offered through this service to subscribers in foreign countries, the official said.

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Middle East news important in Romania

Support for Palestinians

(Peter D'Souza of Arab Times was in Romania last week. He visited the Romanian News Agency, Agerpres, in Bucharest and talked to its chief and other important personalities)

KUWAIT and its achievements are well known in Romania, according to Florea Tuiu, the chief of Agerpres, the Romanian News Agency.

Speaking in Bucharest to journalists from Kuwait, Tuiu said that the news media in Romania gives much importance to news

from the Middle East and there is no newspaper or magazine that does not cover at least one story from the Middle East. He said they mainly depend on Kuwait News Agency for Middle East news.

When asked about Romania's foreign policy, Craciun Ionescu, the publisher of Lumea, a government magazine, said that it is peace and friendship with all countries irrespective of their social or economic system. He said Romania has diplomatic relations with all Arab countries, except Saudi Arabia. But he said Romania has economic and touristic links with Saudi Arabia.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania often exchange congratulatory messages, he said.

Ionescu said that though Romania has diplomatic relations with Israel, it does not accept the policies of Israel especially towards Palestinians. "We have good relations with liberation movements, European countries and now with the independent state of Palestine."

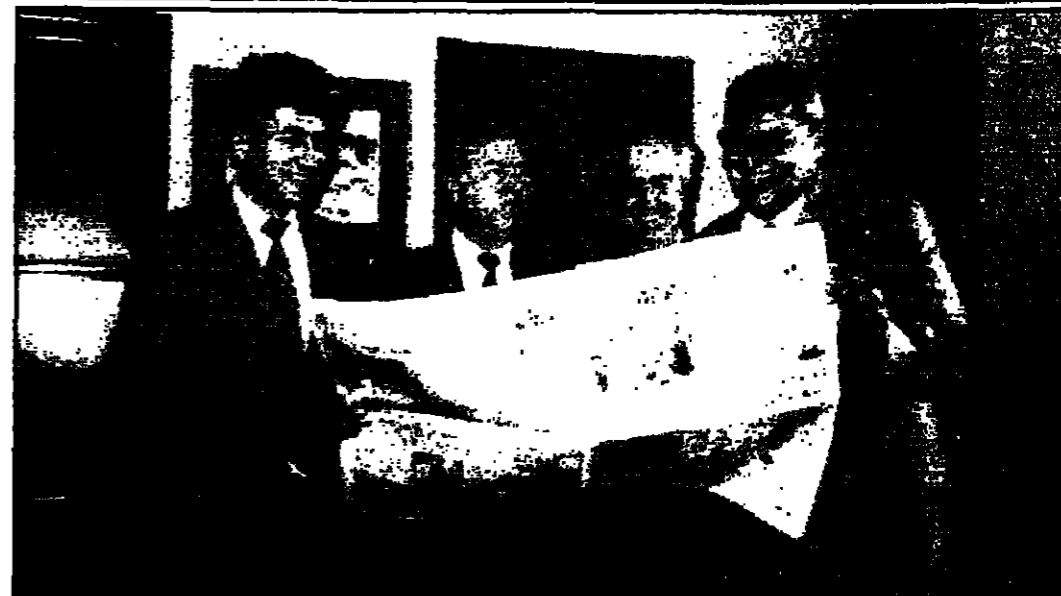
Ionescu pointed out that President Ceausescu was the first person to launch the idea of an international peace conference on the Middle East.

President Ceausescu's two official visits and few transit visits to Kuwait is a proof of good relations between Kuwait and Romania, Ionescu said.

When asked if *glasnost* and *perestroika* are taking place in Romania, Ionescu handed over a booklet which explained in President Ceausescu's own words the changes taking place in Romania. The President said: "As far as Romania is concerned, after the Ninth Party Congress in 1965, we took a stance of our own on socio-economic development and socialist construction. We then put an end to old, dogmatic methods, to the so-

called single model in socialist construction. We started from the fact that each party and each country should develop economically and socially and build the new social system in accordance with its realities, by applying the universal laws and the general principles of socialism to its realities and the aspirations of its people."

Regarding relations with Hungary, Ionescu said Romania has no problem with Hungary. But, he said, some elements in Hungary are creating disturbances to deviate the attention of its people from its own domestic problems and huge foreign debt.



"A very good newspaper," comments Craciun Ionescu (right) after reading the Arab Times in his office in Bucharest. Others from left are: Jon Buzatu, chief of protocol, Ministry of Tourism; Florea Tuiu, and Joan Rusu, assistant director of Agerpres.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cable

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): HH the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to President N'yibout Hassan Gouled on the occasion of his country's national day.

Vice squad

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): Governor of Hawalli Abdullatif Al Barges has entrusted a vice squad comprised of officers and policemen to exert utmost efforts in preservation of public order in the governorate and areas of entertainment whether on the sea front or coasts.

An official source at the governorate said the squad held a number of aimlessly wandering youth and were dealt with in accordance with law.

The squad in co-operation with the general administration of criminal intelligence, will continue their intensive efforts to maintain comfortable atmosphere for families seeking entertainment along the coast of Salmiya and the sea front.

Soviet minister

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Al Houti today received at his office Soviet Deputy Minister for Foreign Economic Affairs Mord Vinov.

Discussions during the meeting centred on co-operation in fields of industry and construction between Kuwait and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet official, who arrived here last Thursday on an eight-day official visit, has held several meetings with Kuwaiti senior officials.

Vinov is heading the Soviet side to the first meeting of the joint Soviet-Kuwaiti commission for economic, technical and scientific co-operation.

Zakat guide

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): An official source at Zakat House said here today that the house has finalised preparations of a guide-book on calculating zakat payable by private companies.

The source added in a statement to KUNA that the Zakat House formed a committee for this purpose, noting that it held a meeting from March 21 until June 12 the outcome of which is this guide-book.

He also said that this committee was formed at the recommendation of the first seminar held by the International Legal Authority for Zakat in Cairo last October 25-27.

Health centre

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): A new health centre, to serve more than 20,000 inhabitants, will be inaugurated tomorrow by Health Minister Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak.

The new South Ardiyah health centre will work for 14 hours daily, director of Farwaniya health area Dr Sulaiman Flah Al Ali told KUNA today.

The centre will offer general treatment, mother and child care and dentistry services.

Admission

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): Libyan Ambassador to Kuwait Hassan Shawish today expressed admiration over the Iraqi campaign for the reconstruction of Fao city, which had been destroyed during the Iraq-Iran war.

In a news briefing here today, the Libyan diplomat said that this Iraqi step reflects Baghdad's intention to re-strengthen national economy and to continue the development. He added that the Arab support, though symbolic, in the campaign to rebuild war-stricken Fao reflects Arab integrity and consciousness.

Injured depart

KUWAIT, June 27, (KUNA): 15 Lebanese wounded patients will leave Kuwait Sunday for West Beirut after receiving treatment in different Kuwaiti hospitals.

The Lebanese were among the batch of 97 patients and relatives who arrived here from West Beirut mid May to receive treatment in Kuwaiti hospitals as part of a Kuwaiti government's humanitarian initiative.



Self defence course

The Director of Special Forces Department Colonel Bader Al Marzouk patronised yesterday the graduation ceremony of the trainees who participated in a self defence technique training course.

The course was supervised by Captain Mohammed Shamsuddin. The graduation ceremony was attended by the head of public relations at the department Captain Mohammed Al Meshal.

New Khaitan, Fahaheel residents complain of inadequate facilities

A NUMBER of citizens at New Khaitan area have voiced their displeasure and called on authorities to pay more concern to public utilities and services. They also complained of a lack of entertainment facilities, co-operatives, medical clinics and safety aspects.

One of the inhabitants, Abdul Majeed Muntaser, said that the health centre at New Khaitan is always "crowded" because of the shortage of physicians. He added that physicians conduct perfunctory medical examinations and in some cases, medicines are dispensed without proper medical examination.

The road works in the area are not well planned and tend to confuse traffic which threatens lives of children who play outside their houses, he said and added that garbage is being collected late in the day which is an unhealthy aspect. Additionally, the number of containers for garbage disposal are inadequate which results in garbage being spilled on the road, he said.

Injuries

Another resident Amjad Tawfiq complained of teenage boys who gather in groups, harass families and indulge in vandalism. He said that police patrols in the area do not give any concern to this problem. He also complained of the insignificant amount of co-operative societies which cannot cater to the large population of the area. The roads and pavements are not repaired and paved after end of road constructions or after end of underground water pipe projects. Many children were injured as a direct result of road excavations, he added.

Ziyad Yousef called on the Ministry of Public Works to surround road works with fences to prevent children approaching. He added that residents find it difficult to obtain appointments to see dentists due to the scarcity of dentists in the area.

On the other hand residents of Fahaheel pointed out that the area needs afforestation and landscap-

ing. They called upon officials to increase the number of doctors at the clinic, and demanded a branch for the Public Authority for Civil Information in the Alhamdi governorate, in addition to providing recreational utilities.

Inadequate

Abdullah Al Hashmi said that services in Fahaheel are good and better than other areas. The Fahaheel clinic is characterised with good health services, but the number of doctors is inadequate to cover patients, treatment requirements. The women section at the clinic requires more lady doctors because the number of women patients outnumber men.

He added that the Co-operative Society provides a large variety of materials and supply commodities and with prices better than other Co-ops.

Security patrols are well on duty to preserve safety and security.

Hashmi stressed that what Fahaheel suffers from most is the lack of afforestation and landscaping, besides the fact that it lacks a branch for Civil Information. Most Fahaheel residents are forced to travel to Farwaniya or the Ministries Complex to complete their petitions.

Nasser Al Hajri said that Fahaheel Post Office provides good services despite that mail may be delayed sometimes.

He added that many residents complained of reckless drivers during late night hours, but security patrols seem to have curbed this problem with the help of Fahaheel police station.

He pointed out that the number of schools are enough, but a number of students have complained of teachers' unfair treatment on many occasions.

Mohammed Al Hajri said that many streets in Fahaheel lack cleanliness and are full of garbage. He stressed that Fahaheel does not have enough recreational areas and public gardens and that mosque attendants don't do a good job in preserving cleanliness during Friday prayers.

Haj caravans to stay private

THE undersecretary of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammad Naser Al Hamdan has ruled out the intention by the ministry to organise government haj caravans, stressing that this service will be better left to the private sector to allow for competition and optimisation of service levels.

He told a local daily that the ministry would not overlook any inconveniences caused to pilgrims by the caravan organisers whether in the type of services or places hired to house registered pilgrims.

He also denied any intention on the ministry's part to transfer the responsibility for the Kuwaiti medical haj team to the Haj Affairs Committee at the ministry. The services offered by the team were excellent, the official said.

Inspections

Hamdan reaffirmed that the ministry was on very good terms with all Islamic societies and with all charitable establishments in and outside Kuwait.

He said that the ministry assigned special committees to fly over to Madinah and others to Makkah to inspect and report on all facilities provided to hajis registered with Kuwaiti haj caravans. This is intended as part of the ministry's follow-up efforts to ensure optimum services for hajis.

He added that the ministry also assigned a renowned Muslim scholar and medical

specialist to accompany each caravan to provide needed guidance on religious matters. A total of 52 caravans were expected to leave Kuwait for the holy lands.

The ministry's determination to cancel the licence of any haj caravan organiser who fails to meet standard ministry regulations is intended to ensure optimum services for hajis. This is not only a religious commitment but a national responsibility as well, the official said.

Residents

Hamdan said that only legal residents in Kuwait could join the haj caravans, as the Saudi authorities would not permit any one on a visitor's visa to enter.

He said that the ministry funded the construction of 22 to 30 mosques on an annual basis, and that special attention was given by the government to the stepping up of mosque construction.

The fiqh encyclopaedia compilation project continued to come in for wide support from Muslim and Arab countries, and that the ministry is planning to fund the translation of this work after completion into common world languages, the official said.

He stressed that the level of organisation of Kuwaiti haj caravans was the object of commendation by various official bodies in countries such as Oman, the Emirates and others.

KJA signs agreement with Egypt association

CAIRO, June 27, (KUNA): Kuwaiti and Egyptian journalists associations have signed an agreement for co-operation in various aspects of the information field.

The agreement was signed by KJA Chairman Ahmed Yousef Behbehani and Dean of Egyptian pressmen Makram Mohammed Ahmed in compliance with instructions by Kuwait Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad during his visit to Egypt last week.

The two organisations asserted their "commitment to struggle for the unity of Arab journalists in all fields to foster the Arab nation's drive for realising its noble human principles."

They agreed to co-ordinate their moves in various Arab and international conferences and promised to work toward promoting joint activities within the framework of the Arab Journalists Union in such a way that would further boost the role of the Arab journalists and secure freedom of press to serve Arab nation's faithful causes.

The two sides stressed the importance of bilateral co-ordination in meetings of press organisations, namely the non-aligned group.

Life expectancy 73 years

Health awareness must be enhanced

By Mahmood Mursi

TO REDRESS the issue of the imbalance in the Kuwaiti population, Kuwait should concentrate on developing modalities for preserving the health of the current Kuwaiti generation, which in turn will culminate in producing healthy Kuwaiti generations in the future.

Dr Ashraf Hasoona, planning consultant of the Ministry of Public Health, said and added that this will significantly contribute to minimising the need for issuing more citizenships.

In a special interview with *Seyassa/Arab Times* the official said that the decline in the number of Kuwaiti nationals compared to the total population represents a dangerous phenomenon. "If we are talking about development and building the Kuwaiti society, we should not ignore health and education which is the basis of building a strong future generation," the official added.

Members of the Kuwaiti society should be fully aware of the role in preserving and developing health which are essential towards welfare of self

and the state, the official said.

He added that an important aspect of health information is not being practiced in full to enhance citizens' awareness. Hasoona called on the information media to play a more active role towards supporting health planning.

First Health Care Centres are very important in the health awareness campaign. Kuwaitisation of these centres should be considered a first priority by the Ministry of Public Health. Doctors at first health centres should be Kuwaitis or at least Arabs to be able to interact with patients.

The official considered family doctors as a suitable resolution, but said that the case here is not purely medical, but more social. Therefore family doctors should be Kuwaitis and should be trained accordingly to address social issues.

System

He described the current condition of social specialists at health centres as very sad and called for developing the entire health system in Kuwait to be commensurate with social changes.

Hasoona said that the death

rate among newly born babies in Kuwait is very low compared to other developing countries, but said that this rate could be even lower despite cultural and civilisational differences between Kuwait and other advanced countries. He pointed out that between 13 and 16 babies in every 100 newly born babies die in Kuwait. On the other hand the rate has dropped to 5 per 1000 in European countries.

The major effort in the development of health levels in the countries should emphasise on environmental protection policies.

Death rate

He stressed that death rates among breast-fed babies have dropped dramatically in Kuwait after improving its policies on vaccination. The average life expectancy in Kuwait reached 73 years which is almost similar to the average life expectancy in the United States of America.

Kuwait is currently facing two health problems, the first represents health features common to developing countries like uncleanliness which are mostly evident at remote areas where people live in tents like in Jahra.

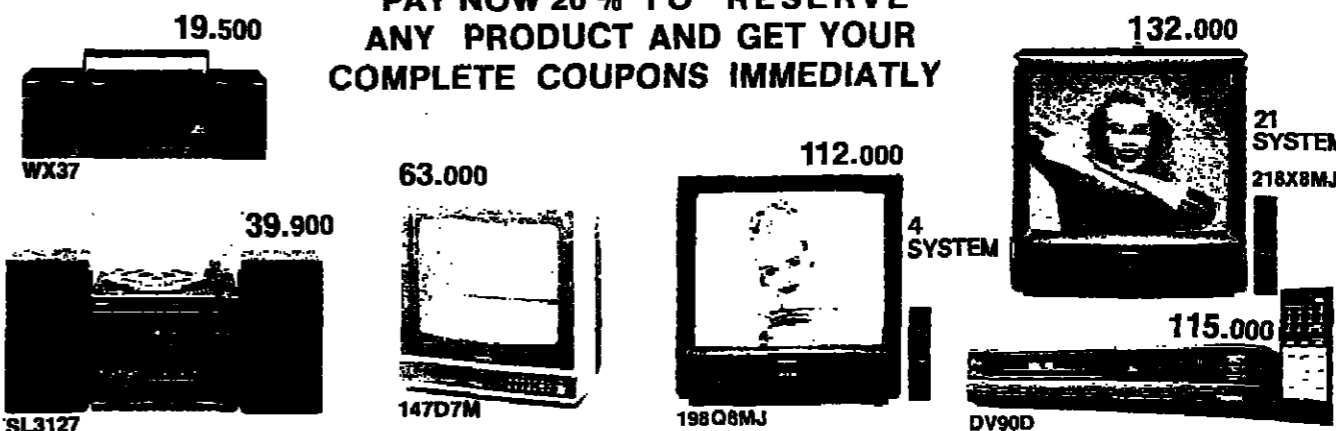
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IDON'T know whether war is an interlude during peace, or peace an interlude during war — Georges Clemenceau, French statesman (1841 — 1929).

Hungarian reforms: starting from zero

By David Lewis

IMRE POZSGAY, a friendly plump-faced man of daunting intellect and Hungary's most popular politician, has long been recognised as the most radical force for change in the Hungarian Communist Party.

But his commitment to West European values and his belief that communism in Eastern Europe cannot be reformed suggest he is not so much a reformer as a revolutionary.

"In Hungary a full change of model is under way," he said in an interview this month. "We are starting again at zero. It is a new construction, not a reconstruction."

Some say Pozsgay, elected to a new four-man party leadership and chosen as party candidate to the new post of executive president of the republic, is not a communist at all.

"He's a social democrat," said one Western diplomat.

"He's the nearest thing in Hungary to a Western-style politician," said another.

"He's a left-wing socialist," says Miklos Vasarhelyi, former press secretary of executed 1956 premier Imre Nagy and now a leading figure in the opposition alliance of free Democrats.

Pozsgay believes that several advanced Western countries have achieved a greater degree of socialism than some communist states which call themselves socialist.

He has even praised the economic methods of Conservative British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Uproar

He caused uproar in the party by telling the US-funded radio free Europe in May 1989 he envisaged not a reformed communist party but a new party based on West European socialist and social democratic ideas.

In February he overturned party dogma of three decades by stating that the 1956 Hungarian rebellion, quashed by Soviet tanks, was not a 'counter-revolution' but a popular uprising.

That statement was widely regarded as heresy in the party but it provoked a crisis meeting at which the party's central committee agreed to restore the multi-party system suppressed in 1948.

Popularity

Pozsgay gained wide popularity from 1980 to 1988 as leader of the people's patriotic front, a body representing the interests of non-party organisations.

It was as PPF leader in autumn 1987 that he gave Hungarian politics a great push towards multi-party politics by attending an inaugural meeting of the Hungarian democratic forum, now the largest emerging non-communist party.

He survived the uproar within the party that his actions and statements caused and entered the party's ruling Politburo in May 1988, when Karoly Gorsz ousted the veteran János Kádár as general secretary.

Since then he has further speeded reform by championing reform groups within the party and backing calls for a special party congress to prepare the way for multi-party elections.

An opinion poll published last week found that he was more popular outside than inside the party.

Members of opposition groups gave him a 67 per cent confidence rating — against just eight per cent for Gorsz — while among party members he rated 59 per cent. (Reuters Budapest)

Hope for solution in Mozambique

By John Morrison

WITH the ceasefire in Angola, attention is likely to shift to the next piece in Southern Africa's diplomatic jigsaw — the war in Mozambique.

Diplomats believe last Thursday's handshake in Zaire between President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and rebel leader Jonas Savimbi is a powerful symbol for Mozambique, another former Portuguese colony devastated by a seemingly insoluble conflict.

President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique, who attended the Angolan peace talks in Zaire last week, has held them up as a model for his own country. He has called on the right-wing Mozambican national resistance, known as Renamo, to renounce war and accept the existing order, adding significantly, "this does not mean the existing order cannot be modified."

Privately, in a paper circulated to foreign embassies in Maputo, Chissano has gone further, envisaging for the first time a possible dialogue with Renamo rebels. While short of an offer to negotiate, it goes beyond the amnesty offered in late 1987.

Diplomats say Mozambique's conflict has similarities with the Angolan war. But there are also differences in the nature of the two rebel movements.

Savimbi's UNITA, though shunned by other African governments for accepting South African support, has a pedigree as an African Liberation Movement stretching back to the 1950s.

It also has a clear political profile and an unquestioned leader. But Renamo, founded as a counter-insurgency unit by white-ruled Rhodesia in the 1970s, has none of these.

Instead it has been accused by Western governments of massacring civilians, forced labour and a reign of terror comparable to that of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge.

Both Renamo's leadership and policies are shadowy. Its president Afonso Dhlakama told a captured Italian monk on May 1 the Mozambican government should abandon Marxism, adopt a multi-party system and guarantee freedoms.

There are signs the ruling Frelimo Party will drop Marxism-Leninism at its congress next month. Chissano has also proposed abolishing the rule that the president of Frelimo automatically becomes head of state.

However, the Maputo government is unlikely to agree to a multi-party system, which Renamo itself has never instituted in areas under its control. (Reuters Harare)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1541 — Leonard Lord Gray is executed for treasonable dealings with Geraldines while lieutenant of Ireland.
- 1629 — Peace of Alais ends Huguenot revolt in France.
- 1797 — France occupies Ionian islands of Greece.
- 1812 — Napoleon Bonaparte's Army crosses Vistula River as Russian forces retreat.
- 1881 — Immigration Act of New Zealand restricts Japanese immigration.
- 1895 — Raids are launched from Bulgaria into Macedonia following founding of an external Macedonian revolutionary organization at Sofia.
- 1914 — Austria's archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife are assassinated at Sarajevo by a Bosnian revolutionary, igniting World War I.
- 1942 — British 8th Army retreats from Germans to El Alamein in North Africa in world war II — German forces launch counter-attack against Soviets in Kharkov region.
- 1948 — Yugoslavia is expelled from cominform for hostility to Soviet Union.
- 1950 — North Korean soldiers capture Seoul, as South Koreans retreat south of Han River.
- 1956 — Labour riots are put down in Poznan, Poland, with heavy loss of life.
- 1976 — The Seychelles, Indian Ocean group of islands, become independent after 102 years under British rule.
- 1986 — West European leaders, meeting in the Netherlands, delay indefinitely imposing economic sanctions against South Africa.
- 1988 — US military attaché to Greece is killed by powerful car bomb that blows his armour-plated auto off road as he leaves home for Athens office.

...for the first time in six decades, Iran is without a single, powerful leader'

The revolution without Khomeini

By Lee Stokes

A RECENT party in Tehran's posh north-east suburbs epitomised the relaxed atmosphere among the rich in the post-Khomeini era: when the doorbell rang, there was no attempt to turn off banned pop music tapes or to remove glasses of illegal whisky.

"Don't worry, it must be another guest," the elegant Iranian hostess, garbed in the latest European fashions, assured anxious foreign visitors. "The Komiteh (Islamic police) don't bother us too much these days."

Here, everything American from Bruce Springsteen to the Greenback to Superman is admired. But the walled villas with their lush gardens and swimming pools stop a few miles to the south, and the sprawling and dusty homes of the urban poor — Khomeini's anti-American slogans still splashed on their walls — begin.

To the illiterate, Khomeini's fiery brand of Islamic fundamentalism, his xenophobia and his desire to ignite the Muslim world held a special appeal. It restored their pride and sent them smiling to their deaths in the eight-year-long war with Iraq.

This fanaticism survives Khomeini. His stern features stare out from black-bordered posters on almost every store window. Black-shirted youths stop on street corners to cry. The screams of old women pierce the night at the Behesht Zahra Cemetery where he is buried. Tears flow down the unshaven cheeks of mourners.

Memories of the war are still strong. Almost a year after its suspension, candles flicker brightly in the vast cemetery marking the graves and photographs of thousands of martyrs, flashing eerie images of their sombre faces through the darkness.

While he lived, Khomeini held power of life and death over his followers. Today, there is nobody in Tehran who even remotely approaches his stature. Khomeini vetoed the idea of having his 42-year-old son Ahmad becoming president.

Radical mullahs opposed to contacts with the West and still intent on spreading Khomeini's revolution to neighbouring Muslim states have tried to gain influence through Ahmad by exploiting his frustrated ambitions.

Move

The radicals made a determined move against the country's strongest pragmatist, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, when they persuaded Khomeini in February to issue his death sentence against British author Salman Rushdie for his book *The Satanic Verses*, which Muslims consider blasphemous.

This drew only reluctant support from Rafsanjani and other pragmatists such as President Ali Khamenei and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, because with one stroke it destroyed any improvement they had achieved in ties with the West.

In the end, the radicals failed because after a decade of revolution, war and instability, the mood of the Iranian people was against them.

It was time to water down the principle



Clenched fist from a young Iranian girl, but how much longer will the revolutionary fervour last without the spiritual guidance of the Ayatollah Khomeini?

of *Welayat Faqih*, or guardianship of the state by theologians, to concentrate on more mundane matters such as the economy.

Inflation in Iran is running between 100 and 200 per cent. Wages are low and prices high. There are shortages of food and other basic commodities such as cooking oil and soap.

Iran is still in 40 days of mourning for Khomeini's death, but once that is over, there will have to be changes.

The clamour for greater secularisation facilitated the rapid selection of Khamenei as the surprise successor to Khomeini.

Khamenei, who like his close ally

parliamentary speaker Rafsanjani is only a middle-ranking cleric, is assuming a more ceremonial role as the new imam or spiritual leader.

Being a pragmatist, Khamenei realises he cannot afford to trigger a backlash from radicals led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami. Such a move could spark a civil war if Mohtashami succeeds in persuading some of the 300,000 fiercely ideological revolutionary guards to support him.

That is why Khamenei still voices anti-American rhetoric, and Rafsanjani recently paid the highest level official visit to Moscow by an Iranian leader since the revolution.

Khamenei's unblemished religious and revolutionary record makes him an ideal if somewhat uncharismatic spiritual leader. It also makes him the ideal partner for Rafsanjani, Iran's most powerful cleric-politician. While Khamenei sits in the spotlight, Rafsanjani can get on with the task of running the country.

Rafsanjani realises his authority rests solely on Khomeini's legacy. He has skillfully moved to consolidate both his own and Khamenei's positions among the armed forces and clergy. Strictly speaking, the constitution Khomeini drew up allows only a senior theologian who has written a religious pamphlet to succeed

him. But Rafsanjani cleverly justified the succession by saying Khomeini indicated to him on his death bed that Khamenei was the man for the job.

The wily politician correctly reasoned that if he quoted Khomeini on Khamenei's suitability, nobody could object to Khamenei's relatively low *hojatolislam* rank and would allow his promotion to *ayatollah* to go through unhindered.

Iran's senior *ayatollahs* have been content to allow a smooth transition of power because it has restored their right to issue decrees on religious matters.

The new leadership must deal with the economy soon. There is a danger that without Khomeini, some of the ambitious provincial religious leaders might seek greater autonomy from Tehran. Only an economic boom can offer serious hope to the country's rapidly growing population of 53 million.

Unlike Khomeini, whose image was that of a man who lived the simple life of an ascetic, Rafsanjani understands business. He is a convincing orator, comes from a wealthy family and has the quick wit and boyish charm of a polished Western politician.

"Khamenei and Rafsanjani understand business... so they will be good for business," said one merchant in the bustling Tehran bazaar where the new leadership has great support.

Iranians agree Rafsanjani is a 'fox,' the only cleric with the political craftiness to keep radicals at home on the sidelines and Iran's enemies abroad off balance.

Tehran's diplomatic corps agrees that Iran's opposition groups have "almost no chance of gaining power in the near future." The Baghdad-based Mujahideen-e-Khalq, which also maintains a sizeable military wing, has suspended activities on orders from Iraq as a conciliatory gesture from Baghdad to the new Iranian leadership.

But foreign businessmen point out that even if the Khamenei-Rafsanjani alliance crumbles, "new leaders will be found from among the ranks of the clergy."

Faction

While he was alive, Khomeini played one political faction against the other, preserving an unerring balance of forces and preventing the outbreak of civil war.

Instead of that, Rafsanjani has turned to nationalism. He is using national symbols such as the Iranian flag, and Iranian rather than Islamic interests to encourage greater flexibility among the factions in the hope this will weaken opponents.

There are obvious parallels between Iran today and Russia's battle for survival after the death of Lenin. Not least the theory of "socialism in one state" that allowed Stalin to consolidate power at home.

"Rafsanjani realises he has to change Iran from a cause to a country if it is to survive for another decade without Khomeini," one West European ambassador said. "And he's shown he'll do anything to achieve that goal."

(UPI - Tehran)

Hezbollah vows to continue fight against America, Israel

By Riad Kaj

ON A recent night, Israeli helicopter gunships roared over the nearby rugged hills and swooped down over ravines, firing on suspected bases of the Iranian-trained Lebanese fundamentalists, Hezbollah.

During an intensive search of the lush land, the helicopters zig-zagged among the hills from the Syrian-controlled western Bekaa district to the Israeli-patrolled security zone to the south. The crackle of their guns echoed sharply and flares lit up the landscape.

At daybreak, calm returned, the air filled with the smell of the earth and the noise of awakening animals. Slowly, the small businesses open in this village, population 4,000, 26 miles (42 km) southeast of Beirut. Many youths in Solh and nearby areas still wore black clothes to mourn Khomeini's death.

A senior Hezbollah field commander in the western Bekaa, asking that he identified only as Abu Ali, sat down on wooden sofa in his poorly furnished house. A large picture of Khomeini hung on the wall above him.

"Please. I'll not answer questions about the foreign hostages or

things of security nature," he said nervously.

The Hezbollah is one of the fundamentalist groups believed to be holding foreign hostages, including nine Americans, seized in Lebanon in the past seven years.

"I believe that action by our resistance will escalate after Khomeini's death because of the feeling of responsibility has become bigger," he said.

Abu Ali said senior Hezbollah clergymen who went to Iran when Khomeini died brought back assurances that Tehran will continue assisting Hezbollah and its military wing, the Islamic resistance.

"We were told that Iran will continue its military and financial backing to us, and the revolutionary guards will keep training our fighters after the death of Khomeini."

"The successor of Khomeini, Ayatollah Khamenei has personally made the promise. We learned that from our senior leaders," he said.

Abu Ali was reading a booklet entitled *The Rules of Hezbollah*. It says, among other things, "we believe in the holy hatred against Israel and America that should fill the hearts of the Hezbollah members and followers."

US court sparks burning issue

Flag desecration decision outrages patriots

By William Scally

A SUPREME COURT ruling that political protesters cannot be barred from burning the American flag has stirred a controversy that could end with an amendment to the US constitution.

President George Bush, members of Congress and patriotic groups have expressed outrage at a decision many feel strikes at America's most revered symbol of nationhood.

But some hailed the court's ruling and others were reluctant to protect the flag at the expense of weakening the first amendment shielding free speech.

The Stars and Stripes strikes an emotional chord in the United States.

The politically neutral flag "has in large measure become a kind of a touchstone for loyalty in a country of such diverse origins" where there is "the need to find something around which you can rally," said James Shenton, professor of American history at Columbia University.

It is celebrated in the "Star Spangled Banner," America's official national anthem since 1931. Visitors to Congress flock to buy flags that have been flown over the Capitol — if only for a few seconds.

Bush's presidential campaign used emotions surrounding the flag with effect against Democrat Michael Dukakis last year.

Dukakis, as governor of Massachusetts, had vetoed legislation requiring children in the state's schools to recite the pledge of

allegiance to the flag, a traditional ceremony performed in many schools.

It became a campaign issue that helped to sink Dukakis' White House bid.

The issue had ramifications in Congress when Democrats, fearful of political retribution, hastily instituted the pledge of allegiance as a daily ceremony in the House of Representatives.

This week Democrats and Republicans angrily reacted to the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision involving a flag burning by a protester at 1984 Republican national convention in Dallas. The decision had the effect of declaring unconstitutional the flag desecration laws of 48 states.

The Senate, in a resolution introduced by Democratic leader George Mitchell and Republican leader Robert Dole, voted 87-3 to express "profound disappointment" and pledged to seek ways to restore sanctions against flag desecration.

It also expressed the Senate's "continued commitment to preserving the honour and integrity of the flag as a living symbol of our nation and its aspirations and ideals."

In the House, about 10 members introduced proposals to overturn the decision by a constitutional amendment, a long process requiring approval by two-thirds of the House and Senate and at least 38 of the 50 states.

Mitchell, a former federal judge, separated the flag burning from the issue of free speech. "Nobody interfered with this group's right to speak freely," Mitchell said. "They were

not prevented from speaking." But they did not merely speak. They also acted. It was this action that was punished, not the speech."

But House Speaker Tom Foley told reporters that he personally would be "extraordinarily slow" to amend the constitution.

He said it was possible the issue could be dealt with under state or federal law "perhaps linked to incitement to violence."

"I hope that the response to this... should be the reaffirmation by the country and by our citizens of their respect for the flag as a central identity of our national life," Foley said.

Earlier, members of both parties in the House trooped to the rostrum to denounce the decision.

One said the six men who raised the US flag at Iwo Jima in World War Two — a dramatic act depicted in a Marine memorial in nearby Arlington, Virginia — had been "symbolically shot in the back by five men in black robes."

Another suggested that flags should be flown at half-staff to mourn the decision.

And, describing himself as a liberal Democrat, Les Aucoin of Oregon expressed amazement that the decision came from a court containing three justices appointed by former president Ronald Reagan.

"My constituents told me they thought electing Republican presidents would result in a court that honours basic American values," he said. "Imagine their surprise today. The Reagan court has given us now constitutional protection for the burning of old glory." (Reuter - Washington)

Letters to the editor

Double trouble

SIR: We the president and secretary of the Overseas Indian Cultural Congress were stunned by a news item and a photograph which appeared in your newspaper, (AT, June 18, 1989) claiming that new office bearers had been selected by the OICC.

We, the real office bearers of the OICC (ref. 12-3-89, Arab Times) do not have any knowledge of such a meeting, and when we contacted your office we were told that the so-called new office bearers had submitted a document from the Indian mission in Kuwait. When we contacted the Indian mission it was revealed that this group had made false statements and the truth was concealed.

Now the matter has been settled and we remain the legitimate leaders of the OICC. This fact can be verified.

Your news item has done considerable damage to our public image and lot of confusion has been created amongst the members of the association. We therefore request you to make a correction on this issue with our photograph.

Varghese Mathew, President;
John Manduran, Gen. Secretary.

EDITORS COMMENT: Arab Times published the OICC election news in good faith. According to our best information, there seems to be a dispute — internal rivalry — within the group, which has two sets of officers. As soon as we can determine, to our satisfaction, that the matter has been resolved, we'll inform our readers.

A diplomat, commenting on the OICC letter, said: "The Indian mission, like in any other case, receives notification of the formation of any group for promoting cultural activities."

West silent on persecution

SIR: Why is the international community, particularly the Western European nations silent on the persecution of ethnic Turks in Bulgaria. How come no ambassadors have been recalled or trade sanctions imposed?

We hear much about the persecution of minorities in communist countries but when the persecuted happen to be Muslims it doesn't seem to matter much to the so-called defenders of human rights.

Nasir Khan Salmiya

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Tanker ablaze

MANAMA, June 27, (AP): The Norwegian tanker Berge Big caught fire while welding teams were repairing it at the Dubai drydock in the second such incident at the Gulf's main shipyard in less than 10 days, officials reported.

The fire, started by a welder's spark, caused heavy damage to the 265,400-ton tanker yesterday, but no casualties were reported, the officials said.

High-speed train

RABAT, June 27, (Reuters): Morocco is considering introducing a high-speed train linking Casablanca to Algiers which would cut the journey time between the cities from 24 hours to five.

In an interview published by the pro-government daily Le Matin, Moroccan railways director Moussa Moussaoui said an agreement was reached with France's SNCF to make preliminary studies for the project.

Safe landing

TUNIS, June 27, (UPI): PLO leader Yasser Arafat has arrived safely in Hanoi en route for Phnom Penh after making an emergency landing and unscheduled 18 hour stopover at Beijing, a Palestine Liberation Organisation spokesman said.

The chairman arrived in Hanoi this morning. PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdel Rahman said in a telephone interview. "I just spoke to him on the telephone. He is 100 per cent safe."

S.O.S. Amman

AMMAN, June 27, (Reuters): The International Children's Villages Association S.O.S., helping orphaned children around the world, is to set up a regional office in Amman, an official said yesterday.

Ja'far Toukan, chairman of the local chapter of the S.O.S., said the organisation's Amman-based centre would be in charge of supervising children's villages in 14 Arab and North African states.

Pacifist on trial

RAMLE, Israel, June 27, (AP): Peace activist Abie Nathan was on trial yesterday on charges of violating an Israeli law that bans contacts with the PLO.

Nathan, 63, who has defied laws for almost three decades in efforts to bring peace between Israelis and Arabs, was indicted late last year for meeting Yitzhak Rabin, Yasser Arafat and several of his aides in Tunisia and France in September 1988.

"I am sorry that a man like me who has devoted so much of his life to peace is brought to court. This is an illegal law," Nathan told reporters at a magistrate's court in Ramle, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

17 hanged

NICOSIA, June 27, (Reuters): Iran hanged 17 drug traffickers in nine cities, raising the total number executed to 248 since 1988, according to a radio broadcast.

The defendants had been condemned to death earlier to try said the radio station, monitored in Cyprus.

Editor-in-jail

KHARTOUM, June 27, (KUNA): Sudanese Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi has accused the chief editor of Al Watan newspaper Sidihammed Khalifa of promoting the return of ousted president Jaafar Nimeiry.

Khalifa, who recently conducted and published an interview with Nimeiry in Cairo, has been arrested in the wake of uncovering a coup attempt believed to have been aimed at reinstating the deposed president.

FANA meeting

AMMAN, June 27, (KUNA): Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) decided to reactivate the Egyptian Middle East News Agency's membership in the federation.

FANA conferees decided to hold the 5th seminar of the Euro-Arab news agencies' dialogue in Tunisia on October 16-18.

It was learnt that the federation is to issue an important political communique at the conclusion of its deliberations later today.

Last plea

LONDON, June 27, (KUNA): The mother of the British TV journalist John McCarthy, kidnapped in Beirut more than three years ago, is "gravely ill" in hospital, it was confirmed here.

A spokesman at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, southern England, said that Sheila McCarthy's condition is stable, but serious.

24 rebels killed

KHARTOUM, June 27, (AP): The Army said today it killed 24 southern Sudan rebels in three battles last week, the first reported major clashes since a ceasefire took effect more than a month ago.

Al Guwat Al Musalaha, the military's official newspaper, said the battles were widely scattered in three regions of the south, where the Sudan People's Liberation Army has waged civil war for six years.

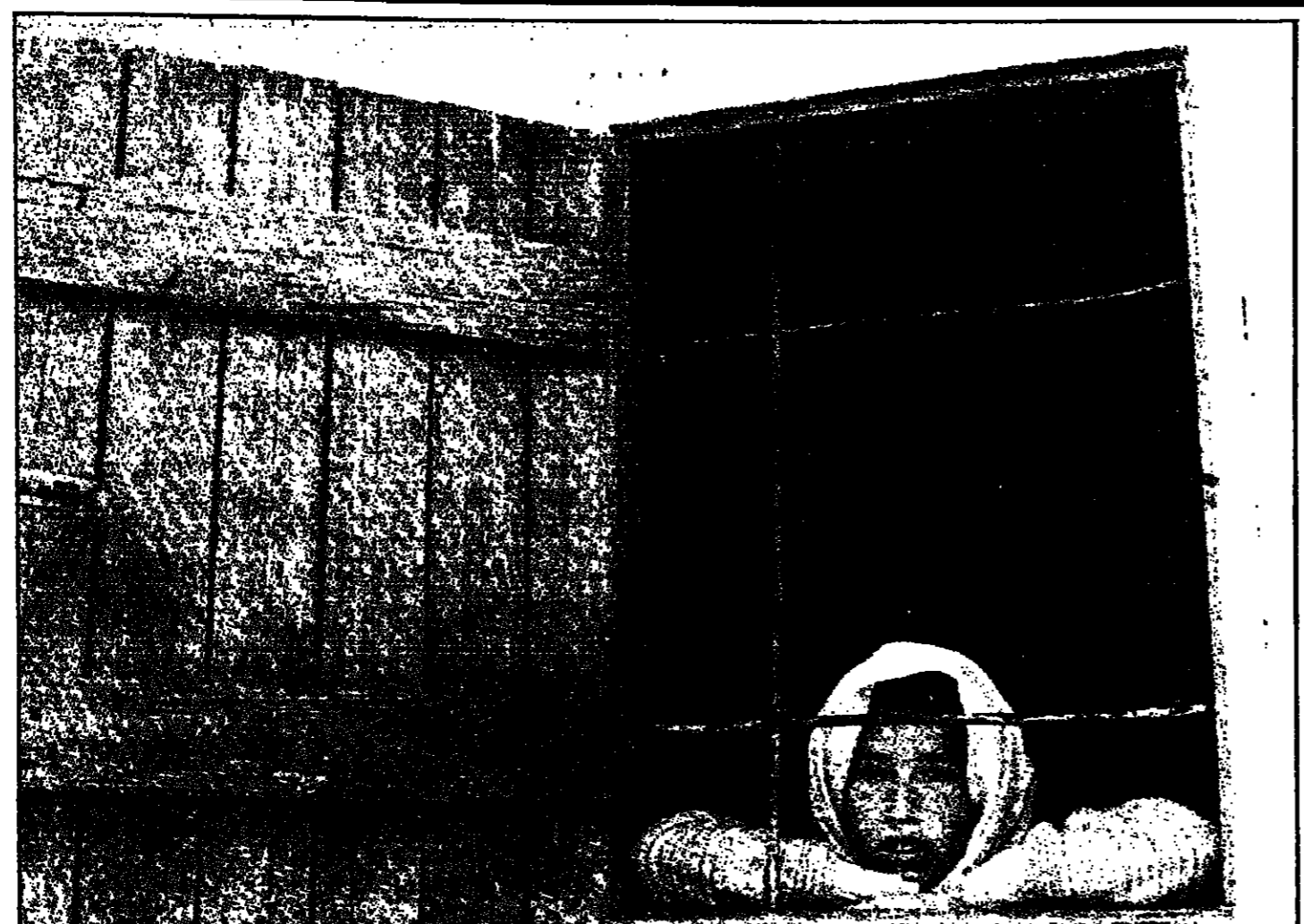
Mercy mission

TEL AVIV, June 27, (Reuters): Israel's El Al airline made its first flight to the Soviet Union today, a mercy mission with supplies for Armenian earthquake victims.

But Israel hopes it will contribute to the resumption of diplomatic ties.

12 bodies in desert

ALGIERS, June 27, (Reuters): Search parties today found the bodies of 12 people, including 11 members of the same family, who lost their way while travelling in a truck in the deserts of southern Algeria.



Palestinian fund penniless

AMMAN, June 27, (Reuters): A near-penniless fund for Palestinians under Israeli occupation may have to end its aid programme unless Arab states pay their dues, a PLO official said today.

Mohammad Mithem, an Amman-based member of the PLO executive committee, said Arab leaders had pledged to give the joint PLO-Jordan fund \$1 billion over 10 years when it was created in 1978, but that more than half that sum is unpaid.

"I don't think the intention is to close the fund offices, which contain a treasure of data (on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip)," he said.

But asked if the fund might function only as a databank in future, he said: "As long as the Arabs don't pay it could end up like this."

A PLO team led by executive committee member Mahmoud Abbas was due to meet Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem to discuss the fund, which helps schools, hospital and industrial and other projects.

The fund has spent nearly \$430 million on the 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied areas. The biggest contributors were Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Libya, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates also donated.

3 Palestinians die; 20 shot by Israelis

EEC calls PLO for peace conference

JERUSALEM, June 27, (Agencies): Two Palestinian prisoners suspected of collaborating with Israel were found dead today and troops shot and wounded at least 20 protesters in a major clash in the occupied Gaza Strip.

A third Palestinian died today of Army gunshot wounds suffered on Saturday. The Army said the inmates' bodies were found during morning roll call at Ketziot Prison Camp in the Negev Desert. It said an inmate confessed to the killings. Palestinians said the two were suspected of helping Israeli authorities.

The men, from the Gaza Strip, were the third and fourth killings at Ketziot Prison Camp in 10 days, the Army said.

Arabs fighting Israeli rule have increased attacks on suspected collaborators since April when Israel offered a peace plan for Palestinian elections. Arab activists are largely sceptical of the plan.

Arab hospitals said troops firing live ammunition shot and wounded at least 20 people, most of them teenagers, in Shaboura neighbourhood of Rafah in Gaza, a frequent flashpoint of Arab-Israeli violence.

Two protesters, aged 14 and 17, were critically injured. An Army spokesman was checking the report.

The hospitals said that in other clashes soldiers firing plastic-covered metal bullets wounded three Palestinians in Khan Yunis Refugee Camp in Gaza.

Tarek Saleh Awad, 17, died at a Jerusalem hospital. He was shot in the head by troops on Saturday in Idna in the West Bank. The Army said a clash erupted during a search-and-arrest operation in the village of 8,000 Arabs near Hebron.

Israeli Justice Minister Dan Meridor yesterday endorsed more deportations of Palestinian activists as a way of putting down the Arab uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I think deportation is serious but must be used, I would say perhaps even more than what has been done until now," Meridor told Army Radio. "I think it's an effective punishment when we have appropriate evidence."

The justice and defence ministries on Sunday set up a joint committee to devise tougher measures to deal with the uprising.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has recommended speeding up deportation procedures as well as demolishing more homes of Palestinians suspected of anti-Israeli activity.

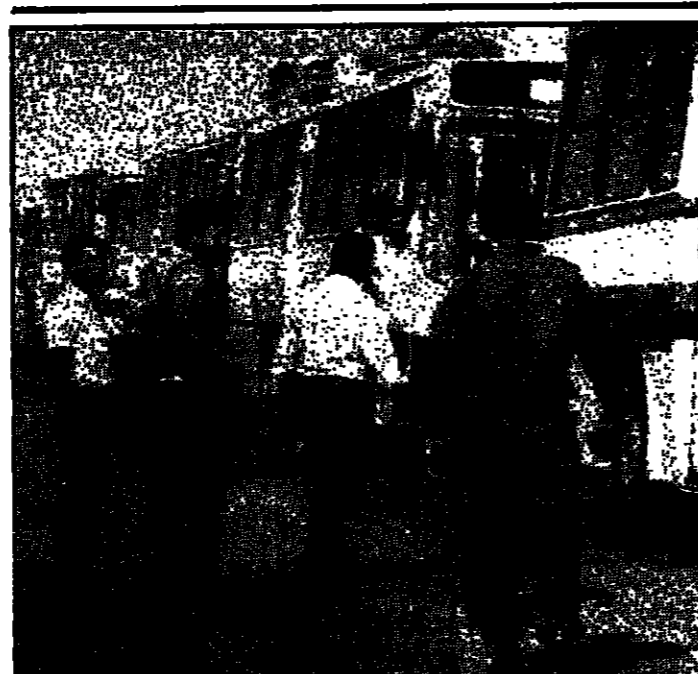
Meanwhile in Madrid, European Economic Community governments agreed yesterday to take another step towards the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), saying the PLO should take part in the Middle East peace process.

Until now the bloc's Middle East policy has been governed by the 1980 Venice declaration of EEC leaders, which called for the PLO to be "associated" with the peace process.

"There is new wording covering the PLO, which should participate in the EEC peace process, and not just be associated with it," Fernandez Ordonez told a news conference.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will soon meet Palestinian activists to seek their agreement to his plan for elections in the Israeli-occupied territories, top advisers said today.

They refused to confirm or deny Israeli press reports that the



Solemn Convoy

Israeli soldiers direct a fleet of Israeli buses carrying over 1,000 Israeli Arabs, who are performing the haj. The buses had to run a gauntlet of stone-throwing Palestinians while crossing the occupied West Bank on the way to the Jordan river. (Reuters wirephoto)

Call for new blood

KUWAIT, June 27, (Reuters): The deputy to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the mainstream Fatah movement said it was flabby and needed new leaders.

"Fatah, as a movement, has become flabby at all levels, and because of this it needs a revival," Al Watan newspaper quoted Salah Khalaf, deputy to Arafat on Fatah's central committee, as saying.

"In a word, (it needs) new blood in the leadership... a new generation of leaders needs to take its place," Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad, said.

New political and organisational decisions would have to be taken at a Fatah congress — the first for nine years — which he said he expected would be held at the beginning of July.

The congress, which groups about 400 members from across the Arab world and beyond, last met in Damascus in 1980.

More than half the current members of the 10-man central committee have been there since the 1960s.

hardline leader would meet secretly with senior supporters of the PLO.

"Shamir plans future meetings next month... to find partners for our peace proposals," said Avi Pazner, Shamir's media adviser. "It's to get the peace proposals off the ground."

Meanwhile, the parliamentary faction of Shamir's Likud Party said today it will hike through Arab villages near the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah on Thursday.

The Likud faction called on thousands of Israelis to join similar hikes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to prove that

Soviets ready for Afghan treaty

Unacceptable

"We are producing," he said. "It's slow business. But we're getting faster. An immense amount of work is being done."

Freedom, editor of a 30-volume anchor series being published by Doubleday on books of the Bible, said that within a year or two after such manuscripts are found, photographic slides should be available to any scholar.

"For a single person to retain access to these materials is simply unacceptable," he said.

The scrolls contain portions of every book of the Old Testament and are about 1,000 years older than any previously available biblical manuscripts, including the complete book of Isaiah and much of Lamentations.

There also are documents of the Qumron community of ascetics known as the Essenes, including a still unpublished, much-awaited letter from the head of the community, the teacher of righteousness, to Jerusalem's high priest.

"We hope to have that out by the end of the year," Strugnell said. "That's a top priority."

In Jerusalem, Israel's department of antiquities under which the work is being done, said it has set up a timetable in which the scholars had agreed to publish all of their materials by 1996.

Amir Drori, head of the department, said the scholars had been urged to share the workload with other researchers.

If "someone does not complete his work on time, we have the right to deliver the scrolls to someone else," Drori said.

The team of which Strugnell is a part began their work about 1954. He said that initially there was insufficient funding available for it, but he has found donors to fill that gap.

"For the last five or six years, we've been trying to get additional scholars on the project, he said. "That should accelerate it."

The Biblical Archaeology Review, has carried two articles questioning the delays and saying scholars were unfairly blocked from access to both the original manuscripts and photographs.

Editor Hershel Shanks wrote that the team of scholars originally given exclusive rights to research by King Hussein of Jordan and later by the Government of Israel "has now become more an obstacle to publication than a source of information."

Shanks called for opening the materials to research by "any scholar who so wishes."

Moscow backs the Najibullah's government with heavy military and economic support. Soviet troops withdrew from Afghanistan, on the Soviet Union's southern border, last February ending a nine-year military presence.

The United States and Pakistan are the main suppliers of arms and other help to Afghan mujahideen based in Pakistan. Other Afghan rebel groups are based in Iran.

Vorontsov said the United Nations could monitor an arms agreement.

He said Washington had failed to show it wanted peace in Afghanistan.

There had been a sharp increase in weapons supplies coming in from Pakistan ahead of the four-month "fighting season" beginning in July, the ambassador said.

Afghans call it the fighting season because the summer sun melts all but the highest mountain peak snows.

Afghanistan has granted a US consular officer a visa to visit Kabul to seek the release of US journalist Tony O'Brien who is under arrest there, the State Department said Monday.

The Kabul regime has granted a visa to a consular officer at our embassy in Delhi, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said at a news briefing.

Hoss emphasized that Israeli

Scrolls are still dead

Row breaks out

NEW YORK, June 27, (AP): A smouldering controversy among Bible scholars has burst into the open over the long delay in publishing the rest of the Dead Sea scrolls.

Although the first-century manuscripts were found 42 years ago, fewer than half has been published, and some researchers in ancient religious history say they're fed up with waiting.

"It's disgraceful," said historian Morton Smith of Columbia University, charging that the scrolls editors have "sat on the material for years," keeping it from other scholars and the public.

The scrolls contain portions of the Old Testament far older than any previously available. It also contains documents about Jewish life during the early days of Christianity.

Much of the material has remained only in the hands of a small team of scholars deciphering it.

David Noel Freedman, professor of biblical studies at the University of Michigan, said 40 years is "much too long to keep the material from public scrutiny."

Only the scroll scholars "and their friends know what is going on," he said in a telephone interview. "They've kept that work in the dark and a whole generation has gone by. It's long past time for some changes."

Smith said the inaccessibility has caused him to postpone research. "I've just been disgusted," he said.

"This is an important body of material for understanding both intellectual and religious history," he said. "For it to be kept secret from other scholars and general knowledge, I think is simply outrageous."

Renewed complaints about the matter were published in the current issue of the bimonthly, Biblical Archaeology Review, which headlined an editorial, "Dead Sea scrolls scandal."

Harvard University's John Strugnell, who heads the scroll team of about 20 scholars, said critics are unaware of the complexities of the work. He also said the work is being speeded up.

"They are ignorant of a project like this," he said in a telephone interview from occupied Jerusalem. "They don't know the kind of material we're working with. We must deal always with small fragments that must be put together."

He acknowledged the work had gone too slowly for the first 20 years, mainly because of a lack of financing. Only three volumes of scrolls were put out during that period, but nine volumes have been produced since 1976.

But the firm, which was not identified, was not involved in supplying the chemical, "not even through third countries," the sources said.

The New York Times said the company was the "broker" in the deal to provide the chemical, thionyl chloride, used in the making of mustard gas that Iran used in its eight-year war against Iraq.

The Times quoted a US official as saying the chemical sold was made in India but most of it had not yet been delivered to Iran.

It said Sobhani was a Bonn-based diplomat who had coordinated covert purchases of materials used to make chemical weapons.

A Foreign Ministry official refused to identify the company. Rainer Mueller, a Foreign Ministry spokesman for Middle East Affairs, when asked which company was being probed for involvement in the deal, said: "I cannot name the company." He declined to elaborate.

Sobhani was also allegedly involved in the case of a West German national, Peter Walaschek, who was arrested in July 1988 in the US for attempting to ship thiodiglycol, a precursor for mustard gas, to Iran, via Singapore and Karachi, Pakistan.

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Late last year, US officials accused West German firms of helping Libya to build a chemical weapons plant south of Tripoli. Libya said the plant was to make pharmaceuticals, not weapons.

US urged to exert pressure on Israel

Beirut shelling continues

BEIRUT, June 27, (KUNA): Lebanese Premier Dr Salim Al Hoss has urged the US administration to pressure Israel to evacuate its troops from south Lebanon as the "main step toward settling the crisis in my country."

Hoss today sent a letter to US Secretary of State James Baker in reply to the one sent last Sunday by the secretary calling on him as well as on Gen. Michel Aoun, the head of the military government ruling in East Beirut to exercise self-restraint and solve their country's problems by political means.

In his message, a similar one of which was sent to Aoun, Baker renewed his country's backing to unity, independence and sovereignty of Lebanon, withdrawal of all alien troops and disbanding armed militias.

Hoss emphasized that Israeli occupation of south Lebanon is the major obstacle to finding a settlement in Lebanon.

Meanwhile Lebanese gunners traded shells today as an Arab League committee met in Oran, Algeria, in a bid to forge a settlement to the 14-year-long civil war in that country.

Security sources said intermittent shelling shook the cautious calm in the battered capital and its suburbs.

They said several shells crashed this morning into West Beirut areas of Al Hammam Al Askari, Ein Al Marisa and Al Manar but they did not mention details on the damage caused by the shelling.

In East Beirut, the Army's positions along confrontation lines came under artillery shelling last night and early this morning as several shells hit Kirsan and Junieh.

Poison gas deal Iranian ousted

BONN, June 27, (Agencies): West Germany forced an Iranian diplomat to leave the country after investigating US accusations that he was involved in shipments of poison gas chemicals to Iran, the Foreign Ministry said today.

A spokesman said Tehran had recalled the diplomat at the request of the Bonn government in connection with Iran's order of hundreds of tons of Indian mustard gas components through a West German firm.

US intelligence findings conveyed to Bonn also said the diplomat had tried to obtain other weapons for the Iranian Army, the spokesman said.

"The diplomat has been recalled by the Iranian government at our request and will not return to (West Germany)," he said.

The spokesman did not identify the diplomat, but a New York Times report today named him as Said Karim Ali Sobhani and said Washington had pressed Bonn to expel him.

Bonn-Washington relations were strained earlier this year over the role of West German exporters in the building of a suspected poison gas factory in Libya. Bonn has since announced tougher export controls, easing the controversy.

The US government told Bonn that a Duesseldorf company acted as a consultant to the Iranian diplomat in co-ordinating the deal, West German government sources said.

But the firm, which was not identified, was not involved in supplying the chemical, "not even through third countries," the sources said.

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Afghan missile kills one in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, June 27, (AP): One person was killed and three seriously injured when a medium-range Scud missile, presumably fired from neighbouring Afghanistan, hit Pakistani territory yesterday, local authorities said.

The Soviet-made Scud missile landed less than one mile (kilometre) inside Pakistan territory, said a local official on the condition he not be identified.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry could not be immediately reached for comment.

Local officials said the missile was believed to have been fired from Kabul, Afghan rebels trying to overthrow the government of President Najibullah are based in Pakistan.

In a speech last month, Najibullah threatened to inflict "smashing rocket blows, on what he called rebel military bases in Pakistan."

More than three million Afghan war refugees live in Pakistan, most in camps near the border.

Last November Moscow began supplying its communist allies in Kabul with Scud missiles with a range of 100-175 miles (160-280 kilometres). The Afghan capital is about 120 miles (200 kilometres) from Afghanistan's border with Pakistan.

EVENTS

VIDEO CORNER

Style over substance in LA love story

By Gail Seery

"LA is not reality, it's just a state of mind. The only way to be successful in this town is to pretend to be someone else. You make them think you're successful and then you are successful: style over substance, that's all there is." These are the potent words of advice which cousin Skip gives to newly arrived Eddie Hayes in *You Can't Hurry Love*.

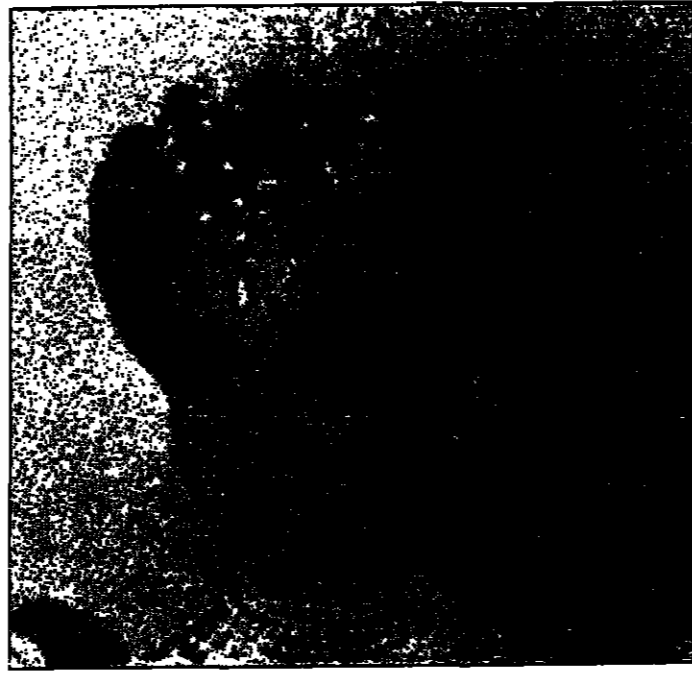
This film is an endearing story of a young man's desperate search to find a partner in a bewildering Los Angeles, after his bride, Joni ditched him at the altar to run off with his best man. He goes to California to stay with Skip who is house-sitting for an advertising agency, who has successfully created a false aura of success about himself, and who is exploiting it mercilessly — mostly with girls.

Skip is determined that Eddie can and shall do exactly the same, and tries to wean him away from his Ohio values. He fixes up a job for Eddie dis-

tributing fliers on the beach, and where other young men might be worrying about having a good time, or about the lack of prospects in their job, or even about the fact that their boss lives in a wooden box. Eddie is driving himself distraction searching for Miss Right, who will not only be attractive to him, but will also be more than happy to settle down for life at his side.

As a last resort he joins a dating agency, Video Valentine, and unable to believe that any girl will be interested in him, invents a series of personas for the video camera which don't fail to attract the girls. However they are interested in the images he has created, and of course he fails to live up to their expectations, because he is not a famous movie director, is not a rock and roll star etc. Finally, more by accident than through planning he does find Miss Right.

There is some nice comedy when his provincial parents, who disapprove totally of the fact he has moved to California



Bridget Fonda

and seem convinced he is half way to being a gay drug addict already, arrive in town. There is

also a very nice cameo appearance by Charles Grodin, previously seen alongside

Robert de Niro in the brilliant *Midnight Run*, who plays a girl-friend's father. "You gotta keep bobbins and weavin, bobbins and weavin, or life will get you," he warns Eddie.

Eddie is played by David Packer, and Miss Right is played by Bridget Fonda with ample support from David Leisure, Scott McGinnis and Anthony Geary.

Of course, the idea of the innocent abroad in a new setting, where he has to wise up and learn street credibility fast, is nothing new. We've seen *Twins*, *My Stepmother Is An Alien* and too many others to mention this year already. It's the archetypal story, and does not seem to be both successful and popular.

You Can't Hurry Love doesn't lose from the universal sentiments of the story, never quite becomes too sugary for comfort, and contains some fine moments of comedy. It's certainly worth having a look at, and the music track is as strong as the title song suggests.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from Danger Bay on KTV 2 at 7.00 pm today

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: Children's Programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Hafat Al Hawiya: Arabic Serial
- 11.15 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madina: Arabic Serial
- 12.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 12.30 Al Hesin: Variety Programme
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World today via Satellite
- 1.30 Falouna: Cartoon Serial
- 2.15 Imra'a La Taref Al Yas: Arabic Serial
- 3.00 Mawsoot Al Sunna Al Nabawiya: Religious Programme

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait: Al Sharqiya Pharmacy, Al Hilali St., Al Salam Pharmacy, Mubarak Al Kabser St., Hawalli and Nagra, Al Qatami Pharmacy, Nagra, Beirut St., Sahiyya and Rumailiya, Razzag Pharmacy, Al Razi St., Fahadheel and Ahmadi, Al Badiya Pharmacy, Fahadheel, Al Dabous St., Old Khaitan, Al Ahram Pharmacy, Plot 2, Jahra, Al Zahra Pharmacy, The New Commercial Market

KTV 2

- 3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: Cartoon Serial
- 4.00 Abdul Rahman Al Ghafiqi: Historical Serial
- 6.00 Laila Min Alf Laila: Children's Programme
- 7.00 Ma'a Al Talaba: Local Programme
- 8.00 Variety
- 8.30 Al Iskan Wa El Muwatan: Local Programme
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Al Yaqeen: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 4)
- 10.45 Mahakem: Billal Sojoon: Bedouin Serial
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Raccoons: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Mac and Muley: A look at how dolphins and whales are trained.
- 7.00 Danger Bay: "Roots and Wings." Monah's new image pleases Dr Robert Grant, until rock concerts, fast cars and alcohol enter the picture. Starring: Donnelly Rhodes, Ocean Hellman.
- 7.30 Body Matters: "The Nose." The function of the nose in our daily life is discussed on this programme.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 You and the Law: presented by Ali Noor.
- 8.50 Sonny Spoon: "Blind Justice." Sonny saves the life of a blind girl, and finds himself in big trouble. Action.

- 9.40 Bustin' Loose: "Doo Wop." The children decide to take part in the production of "The Kind and I."
- 10.00 Just for the Record: record-breakers are featured in this Australian show.

- 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Only When I Laugh." Starring: Marsha Mason, Kristy McNichol, James Coco, James Hackett. Marsha Mason comes into her own with this larger than life portrait of an actress with a drinking problem. Mason delivers the goods in this Neil Simon reworking of his Broadway flop "The Gingerbread Lady." Simon doesn't go for the wisecrack every time in this thoughtful script, and in his real-life wife Marsha Mason, he has found the perfect leading lady. Duration: 120 minutes.
- 12.00 News in brief/ Magazine D'Actualite/ Closedown.

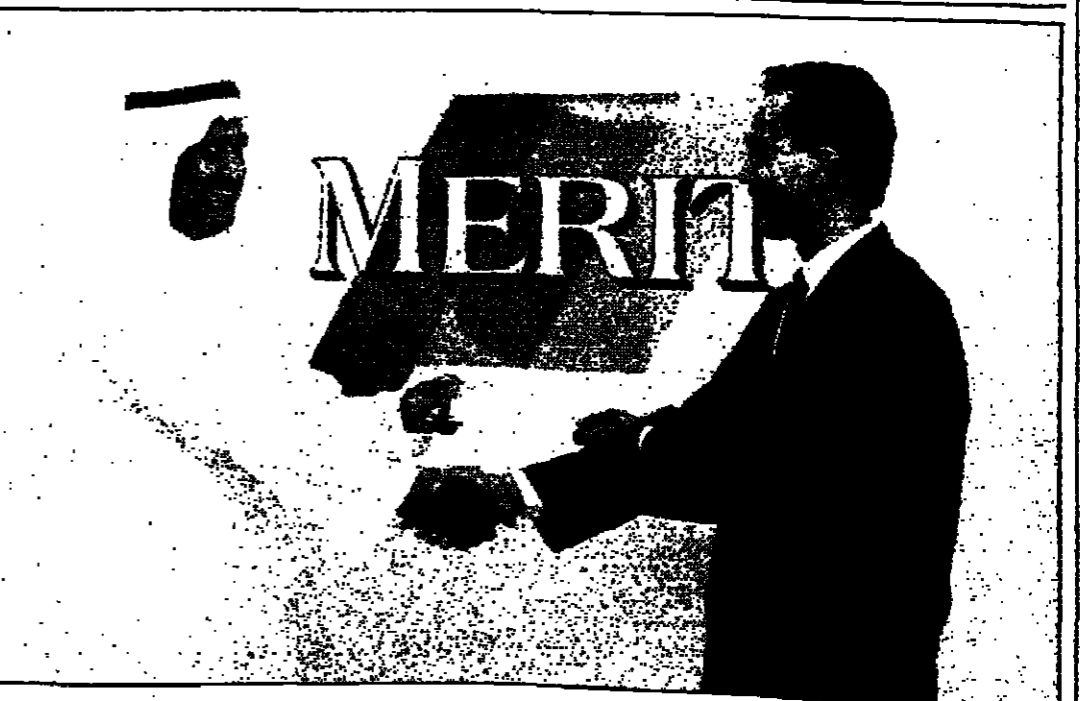
Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

Gulf Bank introduces a new service

GULF BANK, in its constant efforts to offer its customers a wide array of quality services, has started selling American Express travellers cheques. American Express travellers cheques were the world's first travellers cheques (launched in 1891) and are widely accepted all over the world. The cheques will be replaced in the case they are lost or stolen. In addition to the normal refund, American Express offers a unique service called "Refund Plus". This service is offered to American Express travellers cheques customers who have lost their travellers cheques with the following free services:

In the case of lost credit or charge cards, American Express will help in the cancellation of the cards. A temporary identification card will be issued in the case of loss of passport. A personal cheque up to \$200 will be cashed. Travel assistance in re-confirming, re-issuing travel tickets or hotel reservations. American Express will send an emergency message on behalf of the customer to wherever he wants, around the world. Also, the newly launched world-wide refund delivery service provides hand delivered

travellers cheque refunds virtually anywhere in the world for customers who have lost their travellers cheques but who are not in the vicinity of an American Express travel service office or representative. All these services are provided free of charge through the 1,600 American Express travel service offices or representatives world-wide. Gulf Bank will sell American Express travellers cheques in all its branches in seven of the most important world currencies namely: US dollars, French francs, pounds sterling, Deutsche marks, Saudi riyals, Japanese yens and Canadian dollars.



Merit pack puzzle competition

The winner of the "Merit Pack Puzzle Competition" Amer Rabah Moustapha (right) receiving his US\$5,000 prize from Abdallah Al Babbain, representing the distributor of Merit in Kuwait.



Robert de Niro

BBC highlights

Pop Science

Why do cats purr? How did Jimi Hendrix make his guitar sound like a motor bike revving up? These are just two examples of the type of questions sent in to Pop Science by listeners. Janice Long puts the questions to a team of experts in the studio and plays record requests from golden oldies to the latest hits.

The Penny Execution

Bobby receives an old penny peepshow as a Christmas present from his wife. It depicts an execution in graphic detail, a scene which terrifies not only their ten-year-old nephew but the couple as well. The peepshow gradually changes and becomes ever more realistic until the blood literally flows. The Penny Execution by Catherine Lucy Czerkawska is read by Stella Force.

A Tenor Octave

Enrico Caruso was arguably the finest tenor of this century. Roger Nichols takes a look at the singer with the rich, full, baritone-like quality in the first of eight profiles of tenors who he feels represent the best of their generation.

From Eden to Ethiopia

Experts say that in earliest times man lived off the land. An existence that must have been idealic in some parts of the world. The development of agriculture has led man in two different directions — towards the wealthy industrialised world, and towards the kind of economic plight suffered by Ethiopia. Archaeologists and anthropologists discuss the reasons for these changes in human economies with Colin Tudge.

Kuwait, Jordan, Oman and Qatar Programme

Pop Science: (30 min.), Tuesday, July 4, J.K.Q. — 1301; O — 1401; J.K.Q. — 2130; — 2230; Wednesday, July 5, J.K.Q. — 0650; O — 0730.

The Penny Execution: (15 min.), Monday, July 3, J.K.Q. — 1745; O — 1845; Thursday, July 6, K.Q. — 1115; O — 1215.

A Tenor Octave: (15 min.), Tuesday, July 4, J.K.Q. — 1245; O — 1345; J.K.Q. — 1745; O — 1845; Wednesday, July 5, J.K.Q. — 2230; O — 2330.

From Eden To Ethiopia: (30 min.), Friday, July 7, J.K.Q. — 1515; O — 1615; Sunday, July 9, J — 0030.

Recommended frequencies for these areas: K.Q.O: 15.07 MHz/19.91m, 11.76MHz/25.51m, 14.13MHz/212MW, (17.45 - 18.30 & 1900 - 2030); Jordan: 1323 kHz/227MW, 639kHz/469MW.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
The Beast Master

Al Sahmiya
Dragnet

Al Hamra
Arabic Film

Drive In
Arabic Film

Al Firdous
Tera Karam Mera Dharam

Fahadheel Open-Air
Red Rose

Al Fahadheel
Arabic Film

Al Jahra
Winners and Sinners

Granada
Arabic Film

Salsibkhah
Port Arthur

Al Jebel
Revenge of The Nerds II

Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic Film

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.16 am
Zuhr	11.51
Asr	3.25 pm
Maghreb	6.51
Isha	8.24

At the Meridian
HOTEL Meridian Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our "Little Mexico".

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tap-pin fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the Kuwait Plaza
TRADITIONAL Arabic music: The famous oud player, Fawzi Jamal entertains Plaza guests at the Noura Terrace with traditional Arabic music. He also sings the most known and celebrated songs of the good old days.

International music: Italian, Eastern and American music played at Marcopolo restaurant. The new duo "Stan n Alice" are renowned for their versatility. Their music includes Russian jazz, pop, light rock. For reservations contact, 2438800, ext.760

SPORTS

Keep fit classes

Aquafitness, judo, karate, taekwondo, and keep fit classes at the Kuwait International. Separate classes for ladies and men as well as mixed sessions. Bowling tournament during August. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis and swimming coaching also. Details with the Recreation Manager, Paul Woodland at 2530000/8050.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat - Thurs: 9 - 12 noon and 4 - 7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

FILMS

British Council
JUNE 28 (6 pm), June 29 (10.30 am): Care Bears — the Gift of Caring, a children's film, will be shown. Children can join the caring bears of Care-A-Lot in five fully animated stories: "The Gift of Caring, Desert Gold, The Magic Lamp, Bright Heart's Bad Day and The Wrath of Shreeky. Admission is free. Tel: 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

MUSIC

Octave musical
JUNE 29: Due to public demand, Octave musical group repeats Indian musical programme at 7.30 pm at IAC auditorium. A show with a difference.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU meeting
JUNE 28: The officers of the

Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their officer's meeting on Wednesday at Far East Restaurant at 8:00 pm.

Topics to be discussed are: Palarong Pilipino (30 best basketball players from all the participants — red and green, one-on-one for ladies and three-point shooting from all the star selections for men's division); KAPILKU Night (quarter-finals for Bagong Kampeon, Sing-alike and bulilit Bagong Kampeon); Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait; Philippine Community Day; and Songfest - 1989.

Kuwait Malayalee Catholic Association

JUNE 30: The Kuwait Malayalee Catholic Association (KMCA) will hold a cultural show at 4 pm at the church hall. Classical and folk dance and a fancy dress competition will be held, in addition to other contests.

KMCA will also hold a get-together on the same day at 4 pm at the Church parish hall to say goodbye to Fr. Cyril Karimundakal who will leave Kuwait after six years here.

"Hotter Than July"

July 7 (Friday) A pop, rock, country and reggae music festival to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel Ballroom from 7 to 10 pm. The groups to be featured are Top Ranks, Earthquake, Zambesi, Manila Boys, Louie Villeveau, Daniel Sisters and special guest appearance by Steve Michael. Tickets priced at KD5/- are available at: Messilah Beach Hotel — Tel. 5624111 Ext. 721/729; Art Corner, Nagra: 2665068/2659820; Swan Lake Recording, Sahmiya: 5721030; No. 1 Records, Sultan Center — 5719620 Ext 46.

Special offer for office and home delivery of tickets please call 2669963, 3928504 and 5639689.

Musical instruments will be given as gifts on entrance tickets.

Red and Black nite

JULY 11: The Weekend Club will host the Red & Black Nite at the Sheikh Ballroom of the Regency Palace with Top

Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Dress is informal but red and black combinations. Highlights include selection of the Red and Black Couple, most original costume and a live contest. Gala buffet dinner is included. For reservations contact Hilary: 5741380. Julio: 5734513 and Mercedes: 4890566.

D'Assisi Social Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Armst, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music/satire evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140. Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

Tivim Centre

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

HOTELS

At the Messilah Beach

AL MUBARAKIAH, the only 24 hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus A La Carte menu.

Al Jawharah Super Night Club, live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive A La Carte menu on

Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al Berdoweh beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese Mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and hubble bubble.

At the SAS

WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the hubble bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

Keep fit

ACQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International Hotel. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited.

Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming from July 1 - 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000/8050.

At the Kuwait International

CHILDREN'S Party: On June 30 and July 7. Kermit, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children.

Swimming competition too, so bring your swimming trunks. From 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. KD5 for adults and KD3 for children under 12 years. Tickets on sale at reception: 2530000/8039.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Mexican, Indian, African, Italian, British, German, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext: 8166.

Garden Pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our Mongolian and American barbecue on alternate Fridays. Ext: 8052.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Crude prices pose a mystery

LONDON, June 27, (Reuters): Ask an oilman what the true price of a barrel of crude is today and he won't be able to tell you. Prices are going haywire with spot and futures prices for the key grades of crude which are used for "benchmark" or reference purposes moving in different directions that hardly reflect the basic world supply and demand outlook.

It can make fixing contract prices between producers and companies into something of a lottery.

"No single crude can be a bell-weather for world oil price trends," says Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, an authoritative US industry newsletter.

A fragmented market has prevailed since 1986 when a glut of oil from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) led to a sharp fall in prices.

Some operators take a lead from the New York Mercantile Exchange's futures contract for West Texas Intermediate (WTI). But futures for the key US crude oil shot up recently, even amid fears of excess supply outside the United States.

The US Midwest is short of WTI. One irony is that this is partly because pipelines are clogged with foreign crude. US refiners prefer WTI and, flush with cash because of strong gasoline prices, they are happy to pay premium for it.

It rose almost \$5 per barrel above Middle East crudes recently, compared with a usual three-dollar difference, to reflect its richer gasoline yield and lower shipping costs. British North Sea Brent blend is the most widely-traded international crude and many contracts are based on that.

But it has risen by more than a dollar lately simply because of small North Sea supply interruptions that made no difference to the worldwide supply/demand balance.

Meanwhile, Asian buyers tend to look to prices for Dubai crude, a Middle East Gulf grade. Asian oil firms are now trying out a new index price based on industry assessments of prices for various east-of-Suez crudes.

Strike wave rolls across North Sea oilfields

LONDON, June 27, (Reuters): Strikes by construction and maintenance workers spread through Britain's North Sea oilfields yesterday but oil companies said production had not yet been seriously affected.

British Petroleum Co. PLC (BP) said 350 men employed by contractors on the Forth field, Britain's biggest, began an indefinite strike for better pay and conditions on Sunday.

Shell Export, who operate the North Sea's number two field, Brent, said about 400 men staged a 24-hour stoppage on Sunday and another 100 were striking yesterday. A total of 12 shell platforms were involved.

The action was the latest in a series of lightning unofficial strikes by contractors' employees over the past month. Oil companies say output has not yet been hit directly because the strikers perform non-urgent tasks such as new construction or maintenance.

But one industry source, declining to be identified, said production could be hit.

"The oil companies are not very keen on negotiating under duress," the source said. "To openly admit to journalists that we are under duress is not a wholly clever move."

Shell Expro said on Friday it had struck off one cargo of Brent crude from its loading programme and that up to seven more might follow because scheduled summer maintenance was taking longer than expected.

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	9-7/16	9-15/16
3 months	9-1/4	9-3/4
6 months	9-1/2	9-1/2
1 year	9	9-1/2

EEC leaders strike monetary deal

Thatcher vows to fight

MADRID, June 27, (Reuters): European Economic Community leaders today launched their countries towards monetary union but Margaret Thatcher vowed to fight vigorously to preserve Britain's sovereignty over its economic policy.

After two days of summit bargaining, the embattled British prime minister struck a compromise deal with her adversaries committing the 12 governments to begin the first phase of monetary union from July 1, 1990.

"There's absolutely nothing automatic about going beyond stage one... we shall be just as active and as vigorous in fighting Britain's corner," Thatcher told a news conference.

But French President Francois Mitterrand, who pushed for the strongest possible commitment to the final goal of a single currency, said the outcome added an extra dimension to the EEC's campaign to tear down all internal barriers by the end of 1992.

"Britain does not wish to be isolated and I do not want to isolate her... (but) they refuse to abandon any sovereignty in the domain of economic and monetary union," he said.

The 63-year-old British leader, who has stood alone many times before at the twice-yearly community summits, came to Madrid reeling from a defeat in European elections and with senior ministers urging her to change tack.

Couching a tough line in uncharacteristically moderate tones, she told her partners of her

plans to take sterling into the European Monetary System (EMS) and then accepted a compromise from summit host and chairman Felipe Gonzalez.

"I thank Mrs Thatcher for her efforts to narrow the gap... if you'd asked me a week ago after my visit to London, I would have said this was not possible," the Spanish Prime Minister told a news conference.

Jacques Delors, president of the EEC Executive Commission and author of a three-stage plan for monetary union which formed the basis for the summit talks, agreed Thatcher had given ground and suggested she would give some more.

"I understand that political stripe involves various stages," he said.

In the brief time available for other topics, the 12 leaders backed condemnation of China's crackdown on dissent with a ban on arms sales to Beijing. And they called for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to participate in the Middle East peace process—not just to be "associated" with it.

But they sidestepped a debate on an EEC charter of social rights—which Thatcher regards as a socialist threat to her free-market economic philosophy—and simply agreed to disagree.

Though the final communiqué covered a host of subjects, the summit in fact discussed very few of them in detail as the clash on monetary union swept all else before it.

The first stage of the Delors plan involves closer co-ordina-

tion of economic and monetary policy and stresses the importance of all currencies joining the EMS exchange rate mechanism which holds them within fixed bands.

Thatcher said taking that step for sterling—the only major EEC currency not in the mechanism—required other states to press on with the 1992 programme, abolish exchange controls and create a single market for banking and financial services.

Asked about Mitterrand's comment in a radio interview that she was a brake on European union, she replied:

"That's a bit rich coming from him. Someone who hasn't got freedom of capital movement, who hasn't abolished exchange controls and who wants to put more taxes on in order to do it. He has scarcely got into the car yet."

The two leaders, complete opposites in style and ideology, clashed at the climax of the meeting as the French socialist President pushed unsuccessfully for the treaty changes needed for later stages of the Delors plan to be finished by 1993.

Despite Thatcher's opposition to any inter-governmental conference (IGC) to negotiate transfers of sovereignty, the final deal said preparatory work should start at once and the IGC could meet when stage one of the Delors plan had begun.

Thatcher said she would vote against convening the IGC and noted that she had a veto over its decisions. And she made clear



West German President Helmut Kohl draws laughter from fellow EEC leaders as he arrives late for the 12-nation EEC summit leaders family picture in Madrid yesterday. From left back row are West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, British Foreign Minister Geoffrey Howe, Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey and from left front row are British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Portuguese Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva. (Reuters wirephoto)

what she thought of the final stages of the Delors plan.

"I do not think there is any need for a single currency... it would be the biggest transfer of

national sovereignty we've ever had and I don't think it would be acceptable at all to the British Parliament," she said.

"The Delors report is a good

basis for future work but not the only basis, she added.

Delors, however, disagreed. "The only way to have economic and monetary union is that

proposed by my committee... Mrs Thatcher says there are other alternatives. I wait with interest for other alternatives," he said.

Iran opens gas refinery

Second biggest in the world

NICOSIA, June 27, (Reuters): Iran today inaugurated the giant Kangan gas refinery which will enable it to export natural gas to the Soviet Union and other countries.

Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi opened the plant near the Gulf coast which would initially produce 34 million cubic metres of gas per day from six wells, Tehran radio reported.

The project is a source of pride for our industry... it opens new horizons for our economy," the radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Mousavi as saying.

Mousavi said Iran now had

surplus gas for export and all problems caused by shortages especially at power plants would be solved.

Iran is to resume export of natural gas by pipeline to the Soviet Union in March next year at the rate of three billion cubic metres a year.

Oil Minister Gholamreza Azagadeh said he clinched a deal in Sofia this month for exporting one billion cubic metres of gas to Bulgaria through the Soviet Union also to begin next March.

The Kangan plant, 860 km (540 miles) south of Tehran, was attacked several times by Iraqi

jets before a ceasefire ended Gulf war fighting last August.

Tehran radio described the plant as the second biggest gas refinery in the world. A second unit with a capacity of 45 million cubic metres per day is under construction, it said.

Iran's natural gas reserves estimated at 14 trillion cubic metres are the world's second largest after the Soviet Union but output is comparatively low.

In recent years wells in southern, southwestern and northeastern Iran have been yielding about 35 million cubic metres of natural gas a year but much of it

is an oilfield by-product wasted because there is no way to market it.

Oil Ministry figures showed that in the year to March 1985, 29 per cent of the 31.6 billion cubic metres of gas extracted in Iran was burned off, 31 per cent was used as fuel in power plants, industry and homes and 40 per cent was injected to increase pressure in oil wells.

Azagadeh has said Iran, also a major oil producer, should rely on natural gas for energy in the long term and use its oil resources to produce petrochemical products.

Energy pacts

KUALA LUMPUR, June 27, (OPECNA): Member countries of ASEAN, the regional South-east Asian grouping, are said to have finalised several agreements on energy issues at a meeting of their oil and energy ministers which ended here at the weekend.

Apart from giving the go-ahead to an every "action plan," the ministers approved the procedural aspects of the ASEAN petroleum security agreement, signed earlier.

A press conference held at the end of the two-day meeting was told that new terms of reference had been worked out to cover coal mining operations in ASEAN states. They included efforts to increase co-operation programmes with third countries.

Fed chief hospitalised

Released later

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuters): Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan, who seeks to keep the US economy from overheating, spent the night in hospital suffering from heat exhaustion.

Greenspan, 63, was taken to hospital yesterday and released this morning.

"We expect him back in the office this afternoon," Fed spokesman Bob Moore said. "It's business as usual."

Currency markets, always on edge about the health of key economic policy makers, got word that Greenspan was in hospital, and rumours circulated he had had a heart attack.

The rumours sent the dollar down in early trading today to 140.20 yen, compared with 141.20 at yesterday's close, and the currency fell one pfennig to 1.9470 West German marks.

Greenspan was playing tennis with a staff member yesterday afternoon, when the weather was especially hot and humid. Temperatures in Washington rea-



Alan Greenspan

ched 94 degrees (34.4 C). After tennis, he dined at the home of Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, where he fell ill. He was quickly taken to George Washington University Medical Centre, spent the night there and recovered, Moore said.

Greenspan was sworn-in as 13th chairman of the powerful US Central Bank on Aug 11, 1987, replacing Paul Volcker, who retired after serving eight years as chairman.

Saudis to adhere to output pact

Oil demand to reach 49.3m BPD: Nazer

ABU DHABI, June 27, (UPI): Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer today predicted firmer oil prices because of increased demand of over one million barrels a day in the free world during the third quarter this year.

Nazer also said Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter and OPEC's dominant member, will adhere to the organisation's production agreement that was reached in Vienna on June 7.

"The kingdom of Saudi Arabia will abide by the agreement and we hope the other (12) members will do likewise," the Saudi Press Agency quoted Nazer as saying.

The agency, monitored in Abu Dhabi, said Nazer was speaking at a cabinet session partly held to review OPEC's agreement that increased the group's overall output by one million barrels a day to 19.5 million BPD.

Saudi Arabia received the lion's share of the ceiling—25 per cent of the 19.5 million BPD output limit, which brought its quota to 4.769 million BPD, up from the old share of 4.5 million BPD.

Nazer expected demand in the free world to jump by over one million BPD during the third quarter compared with the same period of 1988.

"If (OPEC) members adhered to the agreement, then a clear improvement will occur in the petroleum market," the agency quoted the Saudi minister as saying.

World oil prices firmed up around 40 US cents a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange Market (NYMEX) yesterday following reports Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, two key Gulf Arab

producers, will trim their over-production to help the market.

West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US benchmark crude was traded at around \$20.10 a barrel for August delivery, up from Friday's close of \$19.71 a barrel.

Kuwait had said it wanted at least 1.35 million BPD as its "just quota" while the UAE insisted its fair share should not be less than 1.5 million BPD.

OPEC, however, had decreed that each should get little over one million BPD and deferred debating their demands until another session in Paris on Sept 22.

Sterling strengthens

Dollar eases

LONDON, June 27, (Reuters): The dollar ended easier in Europe today after news that US central bank chief Alan Greenspan was admitted to hospital suffering from heat exhaustion, dealers said.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9525 West German marks and 141.10 Japanese yen after ending yesterday at 1.9550 and 140.95.

The pound ended firmer after news that Britain's current account deficit in May was lower than the market had expected.

It closed around \$1.5660 and just under 3.06 marks against 1.5450 and 3.0215.

Gold ended a quiet day in London at \$376.75 an ounce, up from \$371.25 on Friday.

Here is how leading stock markets outside the United States ended today.

London: Stocks closed high after a firm opening on Wall Street and lower than expected balance of payments figures for May. The 100-share FTSE index closed 26.8 points up at 2,206.4.

Frankfurt: Shares closed mostly easier in quiet trading. Lower

prices on the bond market, coupled with mounting fears that the Bundesbank could announce surprise interest rate rises on Thursday, kept investors sidelined. The DAX index closed down 9.86 points at 1,477.89.

Paris: Prices closed off their day's lows in quiet trade, encouraged by a firmer trend on Wall Street, dealers said. The 50-share price indicator ended 0.30 per cent down.

Zurich: Shares closed slightly lower in moderate trading. The All-Share performance index shed 3.2 points to 1,091.9.

Tokyo: Share prices closed broadly lower, mixed in sluggish trade on the last day of trade for June settlement. The prospect of election losses for Japan's ruling party added to end-of-the-month blues. The key 225-share Nikkei Average fell 156.61 points or 0.47 per cent to close at 33,469.21.

Hong Kong: Shares drifted lower throughout the day in meagre turnover, signalling the start of the summer lull.

New desert city planned

Turkey, Libya to discuss plans

ANKARA, June 27, (Reuters): Turkey and Libya will discuss plans this week for a new Libyan desert city which Turkish firms hope to construct, Turkish officials said today.

But any firm decision on Turkish participation in the \$1.5-billion city is linked to ending a dispute over outstanding payments owed to Turkish contractors, they added.

The city, likely to be named Al-Jufra, is to be built 450 km (300 miles) southeast of Tripoli.

A senior Libyan official said last December that it was part of Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi's plans to decentralise his government, although the seat of administration was to remain in Tripoli.

Officials said they were hopeful that the dispute over the outstanding debts, believed to total about \$50 million, would be solved at a meeting of a joint economic commission starting tomorrow.

Other topics to be covered in the three-day meeting include Turkish oil imports and social security for Turkish workers in Libya. The Libyan side will be led by Training Minister Matouq Mohamed Matouq.

There are some 25,000 Turkish workers in Libya completing projects for more than 20 firms. Turkish contractors have earned about \$6.5 billion there since 1980.

Libyan oil deliveries were stopped for nine months last year because of the payments dispute but resumed when Turkey agreed to buy about \$500 million worth of oil a year.

Libya was Turkey's biggest oil supplier after Iraq in the first three months of this year with 613,045 tonnes, compared with 220,399 tonnes in the same period of 1988.

Turkish exports to Libya in the first two months of 1989 totalled \$40.1 million, up from 26.2 million a year earlier. Imports rose to \$46.4 million from 32.6 million.

Coffee prices plunge

LONDON, June 27, (Reuters): Coffee prices nosedived today to their lowest levels for 10 months because of growing fears that the oversupplied world coffee market could become a free-for-all from next week.

Prices plunged because of speculation that key coffee producers may suspend export quotas immediately if talks yesterday fail to renew a 74-nation price support pact.

Coffee bought for delivery in September dropped more than £40 (\$62) per tonne to £1,000

(\$1,550), the lowest level since August last year.

The International Coffee Organisation (ICO) is due to meet in London next Monday to negotiate a new agreement which regulates the trading of 90 per cent of the world's coffee. The current pact expires in September.

"The market is already dismissing the coffee agreement, and bracing for an immediate suspension of export quotas," said a senior dealer from a leading trading firm.

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BR ASSETS	78/4	79/0	NEYWOOD W	274/0	273/0
BR DREDGI	166/0	164/0	NICKSON IN	258/0	258/0
BR VITA	275/0	275/0	NIGGES HTL	344/0	343/0
BRENT CKE	146/0	145/0	NIMRO CTY	37/0	37/0
BRENT WKR	366/0	366/0	NIMROD 20P	207/0	208/0
BRIODN	206/0	206/0	NINTE SPHR	150/0	150/0
BRITAIN SE	167/0	168/0	HOLMES PR	87/0	87/0
BRITANNIC	433/0	434/0	HOMDEN GP	154/0	152/0
BRIXTON E	392/0	392/0	HOPKINSON	80/0	80/0
BRN & JAC	45/4	45/4	HRDY. QRES	133/0	133/0
BROWN SHI	349/0	347/0	HTV GROUP	95/0	94/0
BROWN BRP	96/0	96/0	ICE. FZ. PD	332/0	333/0
BSG INTL	72/0	72/0	IMRY H.DV	520/0	518/0
BUDGENS	117/0	116/0	INDPNOT V	15/4	15/4
BULLOUGH	196/0	197/0	INOCO PLC	35/4	35/4
CAILMER HP	170/0	170/0	INT. BU. CH	145/0	145/0
CALDER GRP	553/0	550/0	INT. CITY	54/0	53/0
CALENDANIA	362/0	360/0	JENSENFIT	57/0	57/0
CAMP ELEC	209/0	208/0	JOH HDGGS	147/0	146/0
CAMPING E	308/0	308/0	KALAMAZOO	35/4	36/4
CANNING W	278/0	279/0	KALON GRP	44/0	44/4
CANNON ST	207/0	206/0	KELT ENGY	55/0	55/4
CAP. RADIO	801/0	803/0	KETSON	12/4	12/4
CARADON	333/0	332/0	KLWRT CHR	147/0	147/0
CATTLE HD	71/0	71/0	KLWRT O'S	157/0	157/0
CAULDON	13/4	13/4	KLWRT SML	187/0	187/0
CENTL ITV	776/0	773/0	KWIK SALE	485/0	486/0
CHAN PHRR	214/0	215/0	KWIK-FIT	111/0	112/0
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CHLORIDE	38/4	39/0	LAING ORP	342/0	343/0
CHRISTIES	274/0	273/0	LAING PRP	560/0	530/0
CI GROUP	51/4	52/0	LAIRD GRP	269/0	271/0
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COATES BR	284/0	282/0	LBN UTD	71/0	70/0
COLOROLL	156/0	156/0	LDBEWIDN	140/0	141/0
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COOPER F	138/0	138/0	LEP GROUP	161/0	162/0
COSTAIN	332/0	332/0	LFX SERVX	376/0	353/0
COURTS FR	190/0	188/0	LIFE SCIE	75/0	76/0
COVIE (T)	144/0	144/0	LITLEY	71/0	71/0
CRIH	191/0	191/0	LIT	136/0	135/0
CRODA INT	194/0	194/0	LLOYD THP	220/0	220/0
CRYSTALAT	122/0	123/0	LOGICA	331/0	330/0
CTRY PROP	221/0	222/0	LOVELL HD	252/0	253/0
DARES EST	31/2	31/0	LOW (LHM)	267/0	265/0
DAVIS GD	162/0	163/0	LOWBONNER	211/0	211/0
DAVY CORP	254/0	254/0	M&G GROUP	323/0	322/0
DAMSON GP	140/0	138/0	M.C. PACIF	223/0	221/0
DELTA GRP	325/0	326/0	MACARTHY	229/0	229/0
DEVENISH	314/0	315/0	MACFARLINE	229/0	230/0
DEWHIRST	41/4	42/0	MAI	101.0	100.0
DIPLOMA	224/0	224/0	MAJEDIE	248/0	248/0
DORSON PK	103/0	103/0	MANDERS	210/0	210/0
DOWNS GP	359/0	359/0	MATTHEWS	68/0	68/0
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AIR PR-CHM	42/1 42/0
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AM FAMILY	16/2 16/0
AM HOM PRO	97/1 97/0
AM STANDARD	9/1 10/0
AM STORES	64/7 64/0
AM TEL-TEL	36/3 36/0
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AMERADA HE	37/1 37/0
ANTHEM ELE	10/6 10/0
APACHE CP	12/3 12/0
APPAL 8-12	0 88/0
ASHLAND	40/4 40/0
ASHWILD OIL	39/0 38/0
ASIA PACIF	10/4 10/0
ATLS CORP	11/5 11/0
AVERTY TR	27/1 27/0
AVNET INC	23/3 23/0
AVON PRODS	35/3 35/0
BCE INC	33/0 32/0
BELLSOUTH	50/6 51/0
BELO CP A	35/3 35/0
BETH STEEL	23/0 23/0
BIG B	28/0 28/0
BK BOSTON	28/2 28/0
BK BOSTN-A	0 36/0
BK N-YORK	51/2 51/0
BK TR-NY	50/0 50/0
BKAMERICA	28/2 28/0
BKAM SPEC	6/3 6/0
BOEING CO	51/3 51/0
BOISE CASC	45/4 45/0
END IN GLD	7/3 7/0
BORDEN	69/2 69/0
BOWATER	28/5 28/0
BR TELECOM	42/6 41/0
BRIGGS-STR	26/6 26/0
BRIST-MYER	49/4 49/0
BRISTOL	17/6 17/0
C 3 INC	0 12/0
C HUD G-EL	22/6 22/0

GEN DYNMCS	50/0	57/7	MRSH-MCLEN	56/5
GEN ELECT	54/2	54/0	MURPHY OT	37/0
GEN HOST	8/3	8/2	NAT INTERG	16/5
GEN INSTR	36/3	36/2	NBI CORP	2/4
GEN MILLS	68/6	68/6	NCR CORP	54/4
GEN MOTORS	41/5	41/4	NEW ENG EL	25/6
GEN SIGNAL	55/0	55/0	NEW PLA RE	16/2
GENCORP	16/5	16/4	NEWELL CO	39/7
GENETECH	18/2	18/2	NEWMONT MI	40/5
GENUIQUE PA	40/2	40/1	NEWMOT GLD	33/5
GEQ P47-80	80/0	80/0	NI MOH6-10	0
GEORGI-PAC	44/4	44/3	NI MOH7-72	0
GIBR PI CL	*12	*11	NICOLET IN	12/4
GOLDEN NUG	23/4	23/3	NICOR INC	35/3
GOODRICH	57/2	57/1	NI INDS	24/2
GOODYEAR	55/1	55/1	NOBLE AFF	13/7
GRACE WR	31/5	31/7	NORD RESOU	12/7
GRATINGER	63/3	63/4	NORTHROP	27/3
GREYHOUND	33/7	33/6	NORTON	52/0
GRUMMAN	11/5	11/4	NOVO NORD	47/2
GULF RES-C	21/1	21/0	NUCOR CORP	59/3
HALLIBURTON	30/7	30/6	OAK INDS	1/3
HALLWOOD	5/4	5/3	OCC PETRPC	27/5
HANDLEMAN	29/4	29/3	OCEAN DRIL	18/0
HANNA MIN	24/2	24/1	ODGEN CORP	30/2
HARMON	19/0	19/0	OH ED CO	21/5
HARRIS CP	33/7	33/7	OHIO NATT	13/6
HECLA MIN	12/4	12/3	OLIN CORP	59/2
HEINZ JR	54/3	54/4	OMNICARE	8/3
HEM CURTIS	57/6	57/5	ORION PICT	22/3
HELM-PAYNE	27/1	27/1	PAINE WEB	18/7
HERCULES	47/7	48/1	PAN AM	4/0
HEWL-PACK	52/6	52/6	PANHANDLE	23/0
HIXCEL CP	31/3	31/3	PARK ELECT	0
HILLENBRND	33/3	33/1	PARKER DIR	7/0
HILTN HTLS	105/2	105/4	PARKER HAN	27/4
HITACHI	112/6	113/5	PATRCK PET	6/4
HIXTKE MIN	13/6	13/7	PULLMAN CO	0
HOBBS HARM	18/7	18/5	PC INDS-96	0
HOLIDAY C	53/0	52/5	PEGASUS	10/5
HONE DEPOT	41/2	41/2	PEGAS CONTR	26/5
HONEYFED CP	40/4	40/3	PEMZOLIT	82/3
HONDA MOTR	27/2	26/7	PEOPLES EN	23/3
HONEYWELL	76/2	76/1	PEPSICO	55/4
HOUGHTON MI	40/6	40/6	PIFIZER	58/2
HOUSTON IN	32/1	32/1	PHIELPS DOD	58/4
HUGHES SP	18/3	18/4	PHILIP MOR	141/1
HUMANA INC	34/7	35/1	PHILLIPS PE	22/5
IBM	112/4	111/7	PINNACLE W	12/0
ICM PHARMA	6/3	6/3	PITN-BOWES	47/7
ILL PAIR CO	15/7	15/7	PITTSON	19/2
ILLIN 4-08	0	20/0	POLAROID	39/0
INDIA GROW	11/4	11/4	PORLAND GE	24/3
INGRSL-RA	43/0	43/3	PPG INDS	45/2
JEFF PILOT	36/7	36/7	PRIME CONP	19/0
JER PW 8-5	0	90/0	PRIME INNS	32/0
JOHNSON CON	38/3	38/3	PRIMERICA	23/5
JOHNSON-JNS	50/2	50/1	PROCT-GAMB	113/4
K MART CP	36/0	36/2	PUGET SP-L	20/6
KAN CI P-L	33/1	33/2	PUITL HOME	17/4
KELLWOOD	30/5	30/6	QUAKER OAT	65/2
KERR MCGEE	45/6	45/3	QUAKER COR	16/5
KEYSTONE	18/2	18/2	QUANTUM CH	40/1
KIMB-CLARK	63/0	62/6	RALS PURIN	94/6
KLN R D AI	23/4	23/5	RANDA INW	14/1
KIO RID NWS	50/0	49/6	RANGER OIL	0
			RAYCHEM	35/3

34/6	SEAGULL EN	14/1	14/2
36/4	SEALED AIR	16/7	16/4
16/3	SEARS ROE	44/2	44/1
2/4	SERV CORP	18/7	19/0
54/4	SA STH PAC	23/3	23/2
25/7	SHELL TRAN	40/0	39/2
16/3	SHER PLOW	68/1	68/0
39/6	SHERW-WILL	29/4	29/1
40/3	SMITH INT	11/7	12/0
33/5	SMITHK BEC	62/3	62/3
62/0	SNAP ON TL	39/4	39/4
78/8	SOURCE CAP	39/6	39/6
12/5	SOUTHERN	26/4	26/4
35/1	SPAIN FUND	11/3	12/0
26/1	SPERRY	10/0	10/1
13/6	STAGAR B	57/2	57/4
12/6	SQUIBB		
27/1	STONE CONT	25/7	25/6
51/7	SUN CO	40/5	40/5
49/1	SUNSTRAND	66/0	66/1
57/3	SUNSH MIN	3/2	3/1
1/5	SUPER VAL	28/0	28/0
17/7	SOUTHWEST	27/1	27/2
30/4	SW GAS	18/1	18/1
21/5	SUN BELL	52/3	52/3
13/6	TCBY ENT	25/5	25/5
59/4	TECO ENRG	25/3	25/3
8/3	TELETRONIX	23/2	23/2
22/4	TELEPHONE	375/4	375/4
18/7	TENNECO IN	24/3	24/2
43/0	TERADYNE	55/3	55/0
2/1	TESORO PET	10/0	11/7
15/1	TEXACO BR	9/2	9/2
7/0	TEX GAS TR	52/7	52/7
6/3	TEXACO	49/7	49/4
0	TEXAS IND	0	32/0
97/0	TEXAS UTIL	32/2	32/2
10/6	THOMAS IND	18/5	18/4
26/4	THOMAS NED	0	22/3
82/2	TIDEWATER	8/6	8/6
25/2	TIMKEN	37/2	37/1
55/5	TIPOCHARK	39/6	39/6
58/3	TOSCO	4/6	4/6
58/4	TOTS R US	29/6	29/5
44/7	TRANASER	37/2	37/1
22/5	TRANSCO EX	44/2	44/2
12/0	TRANSCO EN	11/3	11/3
47/6	TRAVELLERS	41/2	41/1
19/1	TRINITY IN	41/7	41/6
39/1	TJX CORP	33/2	33/2
24/3	UAL CORP	142/0	139/2
45/1	UNIT BRAND	15/1	13/2
18/5	UNIT TECH	51/6	51/5
31/7	UNIT VCS	65/2	64/7
23/4	UNION CAMP	34/0	34/0
13/2	UNION CARB	27/4	27/3
20/6	US SHOE	19/1	19/2
65/1	USX CP	35/1	34/6
17/3	US WEST	71/2	71/0
40/2	US AIR CP	48/4	48/2
96/6	VALERO EN	16/0	16/1
14/2	VALLEY IND	1/6	1/7
5/4	VARCO INTL	4/1	4/2
5/2	VARIAN ASS	24/7	24/7
35/2	W PNT PEPP	55/7	55/7

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INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1829.7	1809.3	1809.3	1707.9
FT 500 SHR	1238.29	1238.29	1232.12	1100.68
FT ALL SHR	1114.48	1114.48	1109.89	1076.15
FT GOV SEC	85.35	84.39	84.45	87.30
FT GOLD MN	192.60	196.70	192.80	190.2
FT MINES F	664.66	664.66	663.96	653.25
FT OIL	0	2092.4	2066.1	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	143.63	144.97	142.46	141.17
FT WLD STG	137.83	137.16	136.00	123.81
FT WLD LOC	137.04	137.01	135.93	129.77

F&C ENTER	331/0	331/0	NEWCASTLE	325/0	325/0
F&C EUROF	303/0	302/0	NORCROS	316/0	317/0
F&C PACIF	182/0	181/0	NORFOLK C	35/2	35/2

U.K. STOCKS AT DAY'S HIGHS IN THIN LATE BUSINESS

THE DAY IN LATE TRADING ON THE BACK OF A FIRMER WALL STREET TREND AFTER BETTER THAN EXPECTED U.K. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FIGURES FOR MAY. BUT DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS STILL THIN.

"THE MARKET MAKERS HAVE BEEN PUSHING IT UP BUT THE LITTLE FOLLOW-THROUGH THERE HAS BEEN, HAS BEEN VERY SELECTIVE," ONE TRADER SAID.

AT 1430 GNT THE FTSE 100 WAS UP A NET 19.3 POINTS ON THE DAY AT 2,198.9 AFTER REACTING A LOSS OF 5.8 POINTS DOWN AT 2,175.8 JUST AHEAD OF THE 1030 GMT RELEASE OF THE TRADE FIGURES.

THE U.K. CURRENT ACCOUNT GAP FOR MAY WAS A MUCH LOWER THAN EXPECTED 1.32 BILLION ON GTS VERSUS 1.7 BILLION IN APRIL AND THE TRADE GAP WAS 1.72 BILLION VERSUS 2.2 BILLION. THIS COMPARED WITH MARKET FORECASTS OF A CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT OF 1.7 BILLION AND A TRADE SHORTFALL OF 2.1 BILLION.

"THE FIGURES WERE A BIT BETTER THAN EXPECTED BUT WE ARE STILL LOOKING AT A LARGE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT," KEVIN GARDINER, ECONOMIST AT S.G. WARBURGS SAID. "ALTHOUGH I THINK WE HAVE SEEN THE TRENDS AND THE STEADY LONG TERM HOLD."

THE POUND MOVED UP ON THE FIGURES AND KEY STERLING MONEY MARKET RATES FLED TO THE CURRENT 14 PCT BASE RATE LEVEL.

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LONDON, JUNE 27, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED THE DAY TRADING QUIETLY AND CLOSED AT 376.50/377.00 DLRs AN OUNCE, 50 CENTS BELOW THE DAY'S HIGH. THIS COMPARED WITH ITS AFTERNOON FIX OF 376.25 AND MONDAY'S 375.00/375.50 DLR CLOSE.

DEALERS SAID GOLD REMAINED SUBDUED UP TO THE CLOSE AFTER A BURST OF ACTIVITY DURING THE AFTERNOON FIXING SESSION, WHICH PUSHED THE METAL TO ITS HIGHEST SETTING SINCE MAY 12.

GOLD THROUGHOUT THE DAY REMAINED PREDOMINANTLY FOCUSED ON THE PEAKS AND TROUGHS OF THE DOLLAR.

IN THE SHORT TERM IT SHOULD HOLD AT PRESENT LEVELS, WITH SUPPORT AND RESISTANCE SEEN AT 373 AND 378 DLRs, DEALERS ADDED.

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LONDON, JUNE 27, REUTERS - STERLING INTERBANK RATES CLOSED 1/4 TO 7/16 POINT LOWER THAN YESTERDAY AS BETTER THAN EXPECTED BRITISH TRADE FIGURES HELPED DISPEL RECENT MARKET GLOOM, DEALERS SAID.

THE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT IN MAY NARROWED TO 1.32 BILLION STG FROM A REVISED 1.76 BILLION IN APRIL, PROMPTING A SWIFT STERLING RECOVERY IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGES. THE CURRENCY ENDED A FULL POINT HIGHER THAN YESTERDAY ON ITS TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX.

THE BENCHMARK THREE-MONTH INTERBANK MEANWHILE ENDED AT 14 13-7/8 PCT, COMPARED WITH MONDAY'S 14-1/4 3/16 PCT AS RATES SETTLER AT THE LOWER END OF THEIR NORMAL TRADING RANGE.

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	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR	---	1.5600/10	1.9580/90	6.6400/30	OPG
STG	1.5535/45	---	3.0410/45	10.3140/290	FIX
DMK	1.9529/90	3.036/050	---	29.40/56	FIX
FFR	6.630/642	10.3285/3465	338.94/9.58	---	FIX
SFR	1.6830/6840	2.6145/6178	85.97/6.06	25.36/39	FIX
NEL	2.204	3.4320	112.685	33.21	NOON
NCU	1.05853	6.78547	2.07102	7.02496	CLSE
SFR	1.25304	0.806747	2.44581	8.29512	CLSE
YEN	141.20/30	219.40/80	---	---	NOON
SDR RATE					
		26/06/1989	OTHERS	27/06/1989	

DOV CRENS	33/6	33/5	NOVA CORP TIME
DOW JONES	37/6	37/7	
DRESSER IN	39/4	39/3	

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	299.90	299.90 303.90	284.0	259.3
AUSTRIA	332.40	335.50 337.70	287.9	215.4
BELGIUM	457.30	456.60 458.10	445.3	260.2
CANADA	409.90	409.90 405.90	386.8	350.7
DENMARK	729.80	720.50 718.30	602.3	336.6
FRANCE	502.90	503.00 497.00	464.4	288.5
GERMANY	233.80	234.40 233.60	206.7	156.6
HONG KONG	1707.3	1670.6 1683.7	2271.2	1644.3
FINLAND	126.10	126.60 126.60	128.3	108.1
ITALY	502.30	500.40 0	471.2	377.4
JAPAN	1472.5	1470.7 1459.2	1483.6	1022.3
HOLLAND	317.40	316.00 314.90	296.8	215.9
NEW ZEAL	93.70	93.20 93.20	90.3	98.9
NORWAY	822.00	815.80 798.30	751.0	392.4
SPORE	744.40	744.30 748.10	694.7	473.1
SPAIN	261.40	261.00 261.70	245.1	209.5
SWEDEN	1337.5	1324.7 1328.0	1247.1	856.8
SWITZER	207.40	208.50 207.90	186.7	140.7
U K	658.20	655.00 658.70	632.9	515.7
U S A	300.60	301.70 296.50	270.9	229.4
WORLD	507.50	510.40 513.00	503.4	408.0
E A F E	922.60	928.60 916.50	959.2	757.5

I.C.H. CP	3 3/4	UNCH
FRUIT LOOM	11 1/8	UNCH

PREYFUS	29/2	29/1	WYSE LARGEST	PER CENT	CHANGE
DUKE POWER	50/1	50/0	CONS STORE	7 3/4	+ 3/4
DUN BRAD	58/3	58/3	SIGNAL AP	7 5/8	+ 5/8
DUPONT	111/4	111/4	STRATEGIC	13 7/8	+ 1 1/8
DUQUESNE	20/5	20/5	REYNOLDS A	25 3/8	- 3 1/4
DYNAMICS	0	24/5	INTE RES	3 7/8	- 3/8
E SYSTEMS	30/5	30/5	WYSE VOLUME		71,741,140
EAGLE PICH	14/0	14/0	STOCKS UP		836
EASTERN EN	31/1	31/0	STOCKS DOWN		428
EMERSON EL	35/4	35/4	26-JUN NASDAQ		109,554,200
EMERSON RA	5/1	5/2	STOCKS UP		827
ETHYL CP	25/7	25/6			102
EXXON	45/4	45/3			
FAN DOL ST	12/4	12/6			
FED NAT MD	91/4	91/2			
FIELDCREST	26/0	26/0			
FLEETWOOD	27/7	27/7			
FLEXING CO	38/6	38/4			
FMC CORP	39/5	39/6			
FORD MOTOR	48/7	48/6			
FOSTER WHL	20/0	19/6			
FRCHLD IND	17/7	17/7			
FREE MC TGO	5/0	5/1			
FST BANK	24/7	24/7			
FST CHICAG	41/1	40/7			
FST INTERS	64/6	64/7			
FST MISSIP	16/5	16/3			
GAMNEY CO	47/0	47/0			
GAP STORES	41/7	41/6			
GALVESTON	2/4	2/3			
GATCO CORP	68/5	68/5			
GTA CO	0	5/2			

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
IBM	114		+ 2	IONICS INC	20 1/2	-	1/4
PARAMOUNT	60 5/8	+	1/4	HASSBRO INC	21 5/8	-	5/8
EDSON	46	+	3/4	TEXAS AIR	15 3/4	+	1/8
PHILLIPS P	22 7/8	+	1/8	BAT INDOS	10 3/8	+	3/16
SWITKLINE	62 5/8	+	3/8	NY TIMES A	31	+	1/4
SCS CORP	36 1/8		UNCH	IBM SCORE	11 3/8	+	3/4
SEARS ROE	43 5/8	-	5/8	AMDAHL CP	20 5/8	+	3/8
USX CORP	34 7/8	+	1/8	WANG LAB B	7 7/8		UNCH
NOVA CORP	8 3/8	-	1/2	I.C.H. CP	3 3/4		UNCH
TIME	164		UNCH	FRUIT LOOM	11 1/8		UNCH
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
CONS STORE	7 3/4	+	3/4	CONCORD A	5 3/8	+	3/4
SIGNAL AP	7 5/8	+	5/8	CEVRON SC	6 7/8	+	1/2
STRATEGIC	13 7/8	+	1 1/8	CONCORD B	5 1/8	+	3/8
REYNOLDS A	25 3/8	-	3 1/4	HEALTH CAR	3 5/8	-	7/8
INTG RES	3 7/8	-	3/8	GEOTHER	2 3/4	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	71,741,140			AMEX VOLUME	4,715,810		
STOCKS UP	836			STOCKS UP	232		
STOCKS DOWN	428			STOCKS DOWN	177		
26-JUN NASDAQ VOLUME 109,554,200							
STOCKS UP 827 DOWN 1023							

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NEW YORK, June 27, (Reuters): The combination of futures-related buy programmes starting with the opening bell and continuing strength in the bond market propelled blue chip issues higher, traders said. Buy programmes continued after the opening and bonds were strong in the third straight session.

The Dow was ahead 19 points at 2531 and gainers led declining issues by about seven-to-four.

Traders said some buying was also based on thoughts that the 20-point Dow loss Monday was overcome. Several had expected a mixed session, though, before the buy programmes appeared.

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International Bond Highlights

STOCKHOLM: The Swedish debt crisis said the weighted average price of bids received for a three billion crown, 11-year bond was 98.231, or 112 7/8 pct.

London: Ed Dupont de Nemours and Co is issuing a 250 m dir Eurobond due July 18, 1994 paying a coupon of nine pct and priced at 102.33 pct, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said.

London: Eutec Corporation of New Zealand Finance Ltd is issuing a 200 m US dir Eurobond due July 25, 1999 paying 8-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Inc said.

London: Turkish state-owned bank, T.C. Ziraat Bankasi, is issuing a 140 m dir floating rate note due July 2001 paying 1-3/8 points over month London for the first three years, lead manager Bankers Trust International said.

London: RIM Australia Credit Ltd is issuing 75 m Australian dir four year Eurobond paying 15-1/4 pct at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Citicorp Structured Finance Ltd said.

London: International Paper Company is issuing a 500 m French franc Eurobond due July 28, 1994 paying a coupon of 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Banque Paribas de Paris said here.

Tokyo: Japanese demand for this week's auction of US Treasury two- and four-year notes is expected to be limited, bond dealers said.

London: A seventh round of talks on a debt rescheduling accord between Poland and West Germany ended on Tuesday without agreement. A Bonn government spokesman said.

Amman: Jordan's Finance Minister Basal Jaradani said plans to reschedule part of the kingdom's seven billion dir foreign debt were going well and meetings are planned with commercial banks and official creditors next month.

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	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	90.50	98.50	90	MKF IRON	125.50	127.50
CC	314.50	314	314	GNFC	37.75	37.75	38	NAT INDEX	396.16	393.15
LEN CHEM	--	--	--	-- GRASIN	118.50	117.50	117.50	WIPPON	--	37
LJ NIS	--	--	--	-- GSPC	158.75	156.25	162.50	NOCIL	985	977.50
RI FAB	--	--	--	-- GUJ ALK	69.50	68	69.50	ORKAY	21	20
SNOK LEY	71.50	71	75	-- GUJ HEAVY	10.50	10	10.50	OSMAL AGRO	77	75
STAS PAINT	200	200	198.75	HERO HINDA	23.50	22	23	PEICO	16.50	16
TIAS COP	40	39	39.50	HIND CIBA	960	960	960	PFIZER	68.50	68
UTO CORP	77	75	77.50	HIND COCOA	110	108.75	111.25	PONDOS	195	192.50
AJAJ AUTO	367.50	368.75	367.50	HIND LEVER	96	95	96	PREN AUTO	53.50	52.50
AR RAYON	192.50	487.50	490	HIND MOTOR	38.50	38.25	38.50	RANBAXY	100	95
K BOND	150	149	150	HINDMOLCO	296.25	287.50	286.25	RAY MOOL	81	80
LOW PLAST	--	--	--	-- HOECHST	725	720	730	RECKITT	202.50	197.50
ON DYE	135	134	135	IND ORG	39.50	39	39.50	RELIANCE	127	127
SE INDEX	773.45	--	762.24	IND RAYON	82	81.50	81	SESA GDA	42	42.50
URK MEL	212.50	210	215	INDROL	312.50	310	310	SHRI FIB	86.50	86
ANSHARE	185	180	185	INGERSOLL	425.75	425	415	SIEMENS	69	71
EN ESKA	2745	2750	2740	ITC	118	114	117.50	SKF	1360	1350
SPK SPG	1975	1980	2000	JK SYN	76.50	75	76	SPIC	53	53
OLGATE	327.50	327.50	328.75	KIN ENG	189	188	189	ST HILLS	295	290
ROHT GR	1325	1275	1325	KIR CUMM	67	70	68	TATA CHEM	120.50	119.50
HOPT FERT	11	10.50	11.50	KSB PUMPS	90	89	89	TATA OIL	58	56.25
JNLOP	36.50	34	33.50	L AND T	90	89	89	TATA POM	350	345
I HOTELS	58	56	57	MAD RUSSEL	109	107.50	108.50	TELCO	920	942.50
SCORTS	67	67	69.50	MAD COATS	105	104	105	THAPP AGRO	--	--
SKAYFE	128.75	128.75	127.50	MAHENDRA	98	99	95	TISCO	1465	1460
SSAR SPG	23.25	23.75	23	MAS SHARE	19.15	19	19.25	VAM ORG	167.50	168
300 SPL	183	181.25	182	NICO	665	660	650	VARELI	13.75	25
XIBES	56	54	52	MILKFOOD	--	--	--	VOLTAS	840	820
AR POLY	71	70.50	69	MODI	87.50	85	87.50	WJHCD	20	19.50
E SHIPPING	40.75	41.25	40.75	MRF LTD	385	380	385	ZENITH	62	59
								ZUNARI AGRO	76	76

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AG	214.0	215.0
ATANZ VR	1910.0	1933.0
DEMWERK	225.0	225.0
ISF	312.9	314.0
YVER HYV	301.8	302.5
YVER HYV	398.5	400.0
YVER VER	393.0	396.0
IC	450.0	450.1
IF	458.0	466.0
IN	564.0	565.5
MMERZBK	250.8	253.0
WTI GUMH	514.5	512.0
LIMMER	714.8	721.5
YUSC BAK	583.5	588.5
YUSC BAK	548.5	542.0
RESOUR H	328.3	330.0
RABCOCK	202.0	201.5
IZ INDEX	614.45	617.12
LAUFHLE	375.5	376.60
LAUSCHMID	429.0	429.2
URPEMER	456.0	456.0
NECHST AG	300.5	302.4
YESCH	267.5	273.0
XTEN	270.5	272.5
ISSEL HLD	604.0	605.0
ALI SALZ	221.5	220.2
URSTADT	538.0	539.0
URSTADT	516.5	514.0
OECK H	191.0	193.0
OECK H	171.0	173.0
INDE	748.5	750.0
IFTHANSA	184.5	184.5
IN	327.5	326.1
INNESMAN	258.0	262.5
RECEDES	555.0	562.5
YALLGES	477.0	474.0
XODRF PF	306.6	310.0
ILSK HYD	47.20	48.00
RIK KPM	564.0	562.0
RSCHKE	790.0	792.0
REUSSAG	313.0	309.0
IA	309.0	314.9
INMETAL	314.5	413.5
IA	318.5	317.5
E P	273.0	274.2
LANARDER	339.0	343.0
NERING	664.0	668.0
IL	323.5	326.0
EMENS	575.7	581.2
YISSEN	253.0	257.0
ARTA	360.2	362.0
IBA	319.0	320.0
IK	192.0	191.5
ELKSMAGEN	418.5	422.0

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE			
AJINOMOTO	2640	2620	NITSUBU CP	1490 1490
AKAI ELEC	784	780	NITSUBU EST	1210 1210
AKOI	1400	1400	NITSUBU HWY	2600 2650
ASANI GLS	2390	2380	NITSUJUI CO	1050 1060
ASANI OPT	901	896	MITSUKOSHI	2260 2300
BANK TOKYO	1660	1660	NITSULI EL	999 991
BRIDGESTON	1660	1650	NICHICON	1730 1750
CANON	1850	2000	NIHON CNMT	1160 1150
CASIO COMP	1430	1440	NIKKO SEC	1770 1740
CHUGAI PHM	1750	1750	NIP ELEC	1910 1940
CITIZEN W	1120	1150	NIP KOKOKAN	806 827
D-ICHI KAN	3300	3310	NIP OIL	1410 1410
DAI NIP IK	881	885	NIP STEEL	820 840
DAI NIP PT	2280	2520	NIP YUSEN	1040 1020
DAI NIP SC	1240	1240	NIS MOTOR	1560 1580
DAI NIP TO	945	970	NOMURA SEC	3160 3190
DAIWA	1130	1160	OHRA CO	1350 1350
DAIWA H	2070	2060	OHYAPUS	1500 1500
DAIWA SEC	4940	2140	OKITA CON	1350 1430
EBRA MFG	2520	2400	OKUMURA	3350 3350
EISAI	1910	1920	OKUMURA	1090 1090
FUITSU	1530	1550	RICCH	1270 1290
FUJI BANK	3390	3400	SANKYO	2430 2430
FUJI PHOTO	4010	4090	SANYO ELEC	930 910
FUJISAWA	1710	1700	SEIYU ST	2200 2200
FUJITA CP	1980	1960	SEKISUI PB	1960 1970
HITACHI	1590	1610	SHARP	1450 1440
HONDA MOT	1940	1910	SHISEIDO	1740 1730
ISETAN	2620	2600	SONY	7600 7680
ITO YOKADO	3430	3870	SUNITOMO	1310 1350
JAP SYN RU	1180	1200	TAISEI	1630 1610
JAPAN AIR	16300	16500	TAISEI HRN	1350 1350
JAPAN MET	1060	1060	TEIJIN	904 877
KAIWA	2100	2140	TKO NEW IX	481.74 489.80
KANSAI EL	4480	4550	TKOIK HRN	1990 2020
KAO SOAP	1700	1730	TOKYO ELEC	1220 1200
KAWASAKI R	1170	1180	TOKYO GAS	1070 1100
KAWASAKI S	920	930	TOKYO POWR	5850 5950
KIRIN BREW	1880	1900	TORAY IND	980 980
KONATSU	1290	1300	TOSHIBA EL	1390 1400
KUBATO LTD	1180	1190	TOTO	2340 2340
KYOCERA	5400	5400	TOYO EKOBY	985 989
MAKITA EL	1820	1860	TOYOTA MOT	2570 2690
MARUI	2720	2740	YAMAHA	1370 1390
MATSUTA EI	2370	2390	YAMATCHI	1750 1750
MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAGUCHI	350 3480
MEIJI SEIK	1100	1120	YAMAZAKI	1480 1500

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER, WIRED IN SLOUGHISH TRADE
TOKYO, JUNE 27, REUTER - FOREIGN-BROKER SELL PROGRAMS KNOCKED PRICES DOWN FROM THE MORNING'S NARROW TRADING BAND, BUT THEY ONLY BECAME WIRED AGAIN AT A LOWER LEVEL AS INVESTORS HELD TO THE SIDELINES ON THE LAST DAY OF TRADE FOR JUNE SETTLEMENT. SHARE PRICES CLOSED BROADLY LOWER IN LIGHT TRADE. SOME INCENTIVE-BACKED SHARES DREW BUYERS, BUT THE PROSPECT OF UPCOMING ELECTION LOSSES FOR JAPAN'S RULING PARTY ADDED TO TYPICAL END-OF-THE-MONTH BLUES. "IT'S LIKE TRYING TO FLY A KITE WHEN THERE'S NO WIND," SAID ONE FOREIGN BROKER.
THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX FELL 156.61 POINTS OR 0.47 PCT TO CLOSE AT 33,469.21 AFTER GAINING 95.11 ON MONDAY. DEALERS USUALLY DECREASE ACTIVITY AT THE END OF THE MONTH TO CLOSE THEIR BOOKS, AND THIS FLATTENING OF POSITIONS ALSO PROMPTED SOME SELLING TODAY, BROKERS SAID.
TURNOVER WAS A THIN 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST A VERY LIGHT 430 MLN ON MONDAY.
EXTERNAL UNCERTAINTIES ALSO PREYED ON JITTERY INVESTORS. BUYING SENTIMENT IS DAMPENED THIS WEEK BECAUSE INVESTORS, ESPECIALLY THE INSTITUTIONS WHICH HAVE HELD ON FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, WANT TO SEE HOW THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY FARES IN TOKYO ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS ON JUNE 2 AND IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS ON JUNE 23.
"THE MARKET IS MORIBID ABOUT FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS, AND IT COULD WEAKEN DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME," SAID TAKESHI MURAKAMI, DEPUTY BRANCH MANAGER OF SCHRODER SECURITIES (JAPAN) LTD.
A JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY CANDIDATE BEAT NEAR LD RIVAL IN A PARLIAMENTARY UPPER HOUSE BY-ELECTION ON SUNDAY, AND THIS MAY BE AN ILL OMEN FOR THE LDP, SOME BROKERS SAID.
"PEOPLE DON'T REALLY THINK THAT JAPAN WILL BECOME SOCIALIST, BUT ANYTHING THAT UPSETS STABILITY IS NOT SEEN AS FAVOURABLE TO THE MARKET," SAID MASAHICO TSUYUZAKI, CHIEF TRADER FOR TACHIBANA SECURITIES. ADDED A FOREIGN TRADER, "IT'S MORE A MATTER OF JUST GETTING THESE THINGS OVER WITH."

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 27, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS EASED AS SHARE PRICES DRIFTED LOWER THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN MEAGRE TURNOVER, SIGNALLING THE START OF THE SUMMER LULL.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 33.92 POINTS TO 2,232.65 AND THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX WAS DOWN 22.61 TO 1,473.66.

TURNOVER FELL TO 556.45 MLN H.K. DLRS FROM 786.91 MLN ON MONDAY. ONLY THREE WEEKS AGO, DAILY TURNOVER TOPPED TWO BILLION DLRS AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CHINA CRISIS.

"BEFORE INVESTORS START BUYING BACK IN, THEY WANT TO SEE EVIDENCE THAT WHAT THEY WERE TOLD IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN CHINA IS REALLY HAPPENING," SAID JAMES OSBORN OF BARING SECURITIES.

AMERICAN

	OPNG	CLSG		
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY			JOR NATIONAL BANK	0.30 0.30
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR PAPER CARDBOG	4.05 4.00
ARAB BANK			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.05 4.05
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.54	4.54	JOR PIPES MANUFAC	
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.95	1.95	JOR PRESS/PUBLIS	1.79 1.72
ARAB INSURANCE			JOR PRINTING/PACK	4.25 4.25
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.			JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16	JOR SECURITY CORP	1.12 1.11
ARAB INTER.HOTELS			JOR SELPHO CHEM.	
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.37	2.40	JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.36	0.35	JOR WORSTED MILL	
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.			JOR. KUWAIT AGRI	0.92 0.88
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM			JOR. PETROLEUM REF	
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR.FRENCH INS.	
BANK OF JORDAN			JOR. INV.FIN. CORP	
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.27	1.24	JORDANIAN GULF REAL	
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00	JORDAN DAIRY	
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS			JORDAN INSURANCE	
DAR ALDAHA DV/INV.			JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	2.17 2.16
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.			JORDAN KUWAIT INST	
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71 0.74
GARAGE OWNERS OF J	4.60	4.50	MACHVEQ/RENT/MAIN	
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73 0.73
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25	NAD EAST EXCHANGE	1.17 1.11
GENERAL WINNING.	2.10	2.10	MIDDLE EAST ESTAL	0.55 0.53
HIMMEN MINERALS.	0.75	0.75	MIDDLE EAST INS	2.02 2.00
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44	MINERALS RESOURCE	0.75 0.73
IND./MATCH JENCO			NAT. FEM. WEAR CO	
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BHK	1.60	1.63	NAT/CABEL/WIRE/RF	
INDSTR/L/COMB/AGR.			NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.45 1.45
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.96 1.00
INTERM.COM/INV	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81	NATIONAL STEEL	
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25 0.28
JORDAN PETRO	0.69	0.64	PETRA BANK	2.20 2.25
J-TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35 0.35
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.46 1.48
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50	PIRELLA GUM	
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR			RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91 1.91
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	REAL ESTATE INV.	
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.48	1.46	SHIPPING LINES	
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	SPINNING WEAVING	
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			THE HOUSING BANK	
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18	UNITED INSURANCE	1.21 1.22
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.50	2.50	UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65 0.68
			YARMOLK INSURANCE	0.85 0.85

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	82.50	83.00	82.50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.27	.28	.27
AC-A	21.25	21.50	21.50	LC-B	.27	.28	.27
ANS	3.20	3.25	3.20	PK-A	.29	.30	.29
GLO	26.00	26.50	26.50	PX-B	.30	.31	.31
PLAT	34.00	347.50	345.00	DIL. SECTOR			
CPST-A	3.80	3.90		BP-A	.014	.015	
SNC-A	250.00	252.50	255.00	BP-B	.015	.016	.015
SNC-B	330.00	345.00	330.00	LRC-A	.006	.0044	.006
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B		.0046	
APX-A	.015	.016	.015	OPW-A	.047	.048	.045
APX-B	.015	.017		OPW-B	.049	.05	
AT-A	40.00	40.30	40.00	OV-A	.043	.044	.044
				OV-B	.044	.045	.045

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	8,416,385	132,053,850	1,302.32	5.08 DN
MINING	36,895,250	2,877,700	5,039.90	3.76 DN
OIL	505,850,000	10,554,350	7.575	0.056 DN
TOTAL	551,161,635	145,485,900	1,051.50	4.50 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	82.50	83.00	83.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-B	87.00		
SMC-A *	250.00	252.00	252.50	LC-A	.27	.28	.27
SMC-B *	345.00	350.00	337.50	LC-B	.27	.28	.28
PLDT	345.00	347.50	345.00	ZIP	.012	.013	.011
ANS-A	3.20	3.25	3.20				
ANS-B	3.40	3.70					
GLC-A	21.25	21.50	21.50	OIL SECTOR			
GLO	26.50	27.00	26.00	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
FER-A	2.10	2.26	2.20	BP-A	.014	.015	.015
FER-B	2.26	2.30	2.30	BP-B	.015	.016	.015
				LRC-A	.004	.0062	.0042
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B		.0066	.004
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPH-A	.047	.048	.048
APX-A	.015	.016	.015	OPH-B	.049	.0525	.0525
APX-B	.015	.017		OV-A	.043	.044	.044
AT-A	40.00	40.50	40.50	OV-B	.044	.045	.045
AT-B	40.00	41.00	41.00	TA	.025	.026	

Manila Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION				
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	6,566,240	76,187,388.5	1306.01	D 2.41
MINE	178,581,650	8,441,800	4693.37	O 26.74
OILS	870,460,000	11,673,640	8.032	N .049
TOTAL	1,055,607,890	96,302,828.5	1056.32	N 4.28

SINGAPORE

NAME	LAST	PR	CL	G KENT	78	KECK SENG	176	
ADEF A				G LUMBER	154	153	KILLINGRA	354
ADEF B				G TOWN		90	N CEMENT	207
AJINOMOTO				G U HDLGS		102	N CONT	140
ANAL IND			123	GANDA IND	69.5	46.5	N FEEDMIL	338
ANAL PROP	30		141	GEN CORP	81	80	N FLOUR	304
ANCOL	129		128	GOLD COCK		192	N GLASS	364
BERJAYA	143		144	ISI	140	140	N TIN PRT	83
BOUSTEAD			141	GUINNESS	376	375	N UTD IND	236
CARLSBERG	575		575	GULA		28.4	N UTD MFG	123
CCM			330	GUTHRI	48.5	44.5	N'SHITA	760
CEREBOIS	535		540	H L IND.	279	274	NAGNUM	166
CHEN IND	282		294	HARINAW	120	121	MALEX IND	380
CK YANG	450		446	HAW PAR	306	304	METRO	835
COLD STOR	342		346	HEXZA	77	76	MULPAIND	47.5
CS HDLGS	43		43	INO-PAC	126	124	MULTIPROP	91
DIX			525	INVEST	102	101	MS ST TIME	364
DMIR BHD	144		147	JASAS	42	38	MS TIMBER	100
DUCHBARY	----		29	INT MOD	----	76	PALECON	100
ELECTRICAL			460	ISEYAN	700	710	ROTHMAN	770
ELEC WAGN	200		201	J SHIPWAY	645	620	SAF ELEC	104
ESSO ORD	358		364	JACKS LTD		123	S PRESS	780
EU YAN S.			251	J ENT		147	S PRESS F	810
F A C B	----		27.5	J-MPI	120	118	S SHIP	460
F E SHIP	354		350	JOHAN IND	62.5	61.5	S'WANG N	181
FBN ORD	975		975	K G HDLGS	107	109	SAMANDA	155
FEB CABLE	----		67	K KELLAS		220	SANTO	152
FED FLOUR			520	KAMUNTA			SEAL INC	124
FINA BHD			312	KAWINTG A	84	84	SIA 200	1370
FLWITEC			656	KE SANG			SUNSHINE	210

Singapore Stock Market Report

SINGAPORE STOCKS REBOUND BROADLY AT CLOSE

SINGAPORE, JUNE 27, REUTER - SHARE PRICES REBOUNDED ACROSS THE BOARD, PUSHING UP THE STRAITS TIMES INDUSTRIAL INDEX BY 4.04 POINTS TO FINISH AT 1,291.62.

RISES LED FALLS BY 153 TO 36. TRADING WAS FAIRLY ACTIVE AND TURNOVER SMELLED TO 87.8 MLN SHARES FROM MONDAY'S 76.5 MLN. BROKERS SAID PRICES FELL INITIALLY, TRIGGERED BY LOSSES ON WALL STREET AND IN HONG KONG, BUT SOON BARGAIN HUNTING EMERGED TO REVERSE THE TREND. PRICES ROSE FURTHER IN THE AFTERNOON ON SELECTED BUYING AND BARGAIN HUNTING.

SEVERAL BLUE CHIPS, SHIPPING, PROPERTY AND BANK STOCKS ATTRACTED INTEREST AND POSTED TWO-DIGIT GAINS.

KIWAFF[illegible]

-LIVESTOCK T.Y.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNITED ELECENRIES	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----

UNITED POLTRY	0.230	----	----	----	----	----
-KWT FOODS	0.290	----	----	----	----	----
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	----	----	----	----	----
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.063	----	----	----	----	----
-BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.046	----	----	----	----	----
-COAST INVEST.	0.082	----	----	----	----	----
-A.G.I.NV.GROP.	0.029	----	----	----	----	----
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.850	----	----	----	----	----
-BHN.KUM.GROP	0.078	----	----	----	----	----
-GULF MEDICAL.	0.034	----	----	----	----	----
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-GULF INTL INS	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
-GULF INT CO.	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
-GULF UNION INS	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
-R.K.WHITE CNT	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
-ALJAW CEMENT	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.000	----	----	----	----	----
C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	----	----	----	----	----
D-GULF CEMENT	0.010	----	----	----	----	----

ZINCH

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	OE BUEHR I	1210	1210
BAGR NG	1230	12350	OE BUEHR N	412	415
BALDISE PS	2375	2450	OE BUEHR P	355	360
BBC I A	4125	4060	ROCHE S	16850	16950
BK LBU I	2900	2925	ROCHE I	34000	34250
BK LBU M	2350	2400	RUECKVER I	10150	10175
BK LBU PS	337	337	RUECKVER N	7625	7725
CFV	0	0	RUECKVER P	1700	1725
CIB GEIG I	3900	3975	RY TR BK	1030	1030
CIB GEIG N	3265	3275	S BNKGS I	3440	3470
CIB GEIG P	3020	3030	S BNKGS L N	757	765
CGW	0	1200	S BNKVRN I	119.00	120.00
CRED SUI I	2495	2485	S BNKVRN N	339.00	43.00
CRED SUI M	510	508	S BNKVRN P	296.00	294.00
ES LAUFEN	1600	1600	S BNKVRN P	286.00	288.00
ELEKTROMAT	2593	2965	SANDZ I	11950	12000
ENS CHEN I	5260	5200	SANDZ PS	10925	10975
GLOBUS I	5850	5800	SULZER N	2190	2200
GLOBUS M	5800	5800	SULZER N	5175	5190
GLOBUS PS	1000	990	SULZER PS	400	391
JACOBS S I	7215	7250	SVB	1715	1715
JACOBS S M	1470	1420	SWISSAIR	1070	1090
JACOBS S P	620	620	SWISSAIR N	930	939
JELM I	250	2510	W THUR I	4475	4525
JELM PS	345	355	W THUR N	3575	3650
LANDIS M	1275	1265	W THUR PS	730	734
LANDIS PS	110.00	114.00	ZURICH I	4875	4900
NERCK I	792	798	ZURICH N	3790	3800
			ZURICH PS	2050	2090

Interbank Rates

	SAIL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LEN	13-13/2 1/4	13-13/16 11/16	14 13-7/8
FFT	6.40/50	6.65/70	6.85/95
PAUF	9 9-1/8	8-15/16 9-1/16	8-15/16 9-1/16
ZLR	6-7/8 7-1/8	6-3/4 7	6-3/4 7
BRX	8.90	8-3/8 1/2	8-7/16 9/16
RON	12-1/8 12-1/2	12-3/8 12-7/8	12-00/8 12-7/8
EDS	7.50/87	6.40/85	7.00/118
OKU	4.29/32 31/32	5.9/32 11/32	5.10/32 12/32
TEC	8.75 9.00	8.81 8.93	8.93 9.06

Saudi riyal rates easier

KD deposits weaker

KUWAIT, June 27, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates weakened in a quiet market ahead of tomorrow's 150 million dinar (\$510 million) treasury bill issue.

Dealers said one month eased 1/4 point from yesterday to 10 9-1/2 per cent and three months 1/8 point to 9 3/4 1/4.

The monthly salary payments that began trickling in late last week continued to depress overnight rates, which were quoted at one per cent.

But rates in longer periods remained high as banks prepared for tomorrow's 91-day treasury bill issue, which seemed likely to well-subscribed.

Tomorrow-next, popular on Monday because it bridged the gap till the bill issue, jumped to 8-1/2 7-1/2 from offers of three.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29556/66 from 0.29493/503 on Monday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates softened marginally today in an active market to reflect a similar trend in Eurodollars on international markets.

Dealers said one month eased 1/8 point from yesterday to 9-3/8 1/8 per cent and three months was bid 1/8 point easier at 9-5/16 1/16.

They said rates had roughly followed those of Eurodollars, which opened easier in London due to a high number of lenders and expectations the Federal Reserve would cut funds.

In the royal market, spot-next riyals rose to 10-3/8 9-7/8 from 8-7/8 5/8, but this reflected technical factors ahead of the Gulf Friday weekend.

Commodity round-up

WASHINGTON: Congress may make further cuts in target prices for major commodities when it renews US farm legislation in 1990, said House Agriculture Committee chairman Kika de la Garza.

Penang, Malaysia: Tin prices, now at three-year highs due to surging demand, are expected to stabilise until the end of the year, analysts and traders at an International Tin Conference said. Brazil, the world's largest producer, should join the Association of Tin Producing Countries to help chart the industry's future, Malaysian Primary Industries Minister Lim Ke.

Canberra: Australian commodity exports are estimated to rise around 11 per cent to \$40.5 billion in the year to June 30, 1990.

MELBOURNE: The Electrolytic Refining and Smelting Co. of Australia Pty Ltd said it will leave its exports Port Kembla refinery copper price unchanged at \$3,500 a tonne and lower its base effective today.

London: Robusta coffee futures plunged to their lowest level for almost 10 months, base second position, in early trade amid growing fears that next week's International Coffee Organisation (ICO) talks could slump in the end of the current price rally.

LONDON: World zinc smelter stocks rose 15,300 tonnes to 350,000 tonnes in May, according to the European Zinc Institute.

Lugano: Gold's traditional role as a "safe-haven" investment, bought during periods of financial and political uncertainty, has effectively ended, Peter Munn, chairman of mining firm American Barrick Resources said.

State College: Rains were widespread in the northern and western parts of the Midwest Monday, private forecaster Accu-Weather Inc reported.

Kansas City: Futures market activity indicates the USSR may have bought some or all of the US soft red winter wheat it was seeking for July shipment, export sources said.

Chicago: CBOT soybean futures opened sharply lower, with new crop contracts posting the greatest losses. Midwest, and forecasts for more, winter wheat it was seeking for July shipment, export sources said.

Washington: USDA reported soybean export inspections for the week ended June 22 at 689 million bushels versus 9,010 million a week ago, with at 12,589 million bushels compared with 20,871, corn exports at 51,446 million bushels versus 41,414.1 million and sorghum at 8,556 versus 12,758. Seasons began June 1 for wheat and September 1 for soybeans, corn and sorghum.

Washington: Japanese Foreign Minister Hiroshi Mitsuizuka met President Bush today to try to reconcile their nations' differences over policy toward China and US-Japanese trade.

Denver: Cyprus Minerals Co. said it is cutting electrolytic copper cathode prices by 3.5 cents to 112.00 cents a lb, effective immediately.

Washington: Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke came away unhindered Monday in talks aimed at gaining US concessions in a dispute over export subsidies, but Hawke said he was optimistic differences could be resolved.

Washington: Commodity Credit Corp accepted a bid on an export bonus to cover the sale of 20,000 tonnes of US wheat flour to Egypt, USDA said. The wheat flour is scheduled for shipment August 5-September 5.

New York: Arabica coffee futures sank more than 6.00 cents a lb on bearishness surrounding next week's meeting of the International Coffee Organisation in London, traders and analysts said. Spot July futures, which are in notice period, tumbled 6.55 cents a lb to 110.50. Soon-to-be spot September dove 59.59 cents to 105.05 a lb.

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Mining agency violated policy

WASHINGTON, June 27, (AP): A US agency violated its own policy when it cleared the way for an Ohio coal company to strip mine coal in the Wayne national forest, congressional investigators have concluded.

"It is improper for the office of surface mining to have based this decision on considerations other than its stated policy," said a report by the House of Representatives interior committee's mining subcommittee, delivered to the interior department, parent of the office of surface mining, on Friday and made available on Monday.

Agency records showed the decision to let Belville Coal Co. of Ironton, Ohio, mine was based on flimsy reasoning, a skimpy review and no independent documentation, according to the report.

Carl Close, the director of the Pittsburgh Office of Surface Mining, has said he consulted a staff attorney and believed he was on firm legal ground when he made the now-contested decision.

Close in December reversed a 1986 decision and determined that the company had a valid existing right to mine in the 76,900-hectare (190,000-acre) forest on the Ohio river — in other words, mineral rights that pre-dated creation of the forest that the US government was bound to recognize.

"It is inappropriate for a decision of this magnitude, involving approximately 2,200 hectares (5,440 acres) of national forest land, to have been based on a dearth of written independent agency analysis and supporting documentation," the report said.

"No record exists which suggests that the Office of Surface Mining conducted a thorough analysis" before ruling that the company had a legal right to strip mine for coal, said the report.

The company has submitted an application for state mining permits covering 180 acres. Spokesman Todd Ambs said the Ohio Department of Natural Resources "will probably act on it sometime before the end of the summer."

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Daimler-Benz pushing for merger with aerospace giant

BONN, West Germany, June 27, (AP): Daimler-Benz, already West Germany's No. 1 company, is pushing for a merger with an aerospace giant that would make the conglomerate a major global force in weapons sales and aviation technology.

But the proposed merger, the largest and one of the most controversial in the nation's 40-year history, has run into serious objections.

They have ranged from fears of stifled competition to concern that the resulting defence colossus could end up dictating its own terms to the government.

Economics Minister Helmut Haussmann, who stands at the centre of what could become one of the most politically divisive debates of the year, must decide whether to override a veto from the federal cartel office.

Haussmann, whose predecessor hel-

ped engineer the proposed deal, has promised a decision by September.

If Daimler is allowed to merge with the Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Hoelm (MBB) Group, Germany's largest defence contractor, the reach of the conglomerate would be immense.

Daimler-Benz already is a leader in making luxury cars and sturdy trucks. Officials say that will remain a large and vital part of its operations.

The merger would create a giant with yearly revenues of almost 80 billion marks (\$42 billion). It would become Europe's second-biggest aerospace company and rank among the top 15 aerospace and defence contractors world-wide.

The conglomerate would have vast holdings in weaponry and defence electronics, including military aircraft, missiles, engines, tanks and small naval ships — areas that Daimler officials

believe have more growth potential than cars and trucks.

The cartel office in April rejected the proposal on grounds that it would give Daimler a dominant position in the defence, aerospace and truck-manufacturing sectors. It also feared the conglomerate's resulting political clout.

"There is a danger that in the long term, Daimler could become so powerful that it could pressure the government for future concessions," said Hubertus Schoen, a spokesman for the West Berlin-based cartel office.

"Economic power can easily become political power," Schoen said, referring to concerns that, with so many defence jobs tied to the company, it would be hard for the government to turn down lucrative contracts.

Schoen said the conglomerate could push smaller companies out of the run-

ning for defence-related contracts.

Daimler-Benz officials contend those fears are misguided. "We expect the merger to create new outlets for thousands of suppliers," said Friedrich Loesch, a spokesman for the Stuttgart-based company.

Daimler officials are quick to note that the government came to them with the merger proposal nearly two years ago. The government hopes the deal will ease Bonn's share of the subsidy burden in Europe's loss-plagued Airbus Industrie consortium.

MBB, which is 52 per cent owned by the states of Bavaria, Bremen and Hamburg, hold West Germany's 37.9 per cent stake in the Airbus venture.

Daimler officials say the merger will make West Germany more competitive in international aerospace research and production.

"The West German aviation and

aerospace industry is now just too fragmented to compete well on the international market," Loesch said.

Combined with Daimler-Benz's existing operations in aviation and aerospace, the takeover would give the auto and truck maker control of about 60 per cent of West Germany's aerospace industry.

The deal, which initially calls for Daimler-Benz to take a 30 per cent interest in MBB, is under final review by the Federal Monopolies Commission, which is expected to deliver its report to the Economics Ministry in August.

Haussmann can override the vetoes of both agencies if he determines the merger is in West Germany's "overriding national economic interest."

Although government-funded, both agencies fulfil independent watchdog functions.

Haussmann is under growing pressure both from within the ruling conservative parties and from the opposition — to uphold the cartel office ban.

Ulrich Immenga, chairman of the Cologne-based Monopolies Commission, acknowledges that Haussmann is in an uncomfortable position.

"The commission will address the awkwardness for the economics minister in its report," Immenga said, referring to charges that the ministry's decision could be skewed in favour of the merger because it once helped author the proposal.

While Haussmann has said his final decision will be based on objective review of all aspects of the proposal, one of his top-ranking officials already has irritated members of the commission and the cartel office by saying publicly that the negative ruling likely would be set aside.

Amman plans to reschedule debt

Jordan to meet banks

AMMAN, June 27, (Reuters): Jordan's Finance Minister Basel Jaradeh said today plans to reschedule the kingdom's \$7 billion foreign debt were going well.

Jordan requested an IMF standby credit and help with debt rescheduling in March. An IMF-agreed austerity programme helped to spark April price riots which caused 12 deaths.

"Everything with regard to the rescheduling is moving smoothly," Jaradeh told Reuters. "I am optimistic that we will get favourable results."

He said a meeting with commercial banks in London was planned for July 5 and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) board was expected to approve a standby credit on July 7 or 10.

The Paris Club of official creditors would meet to consider Jordan's request for debt rescheduling, probably on July 19. Jaradeh said Amman would seek to reschedule \$600 to 700 million in principal and interest due in 1989 and 1990.

He said short-, medium- and long-term foreign debt at the end of 1988 totalled not more than \$7

billion, although an exact figure was not available. An IMF estimate of \$8.1 billion included loans committed but not disbursed.

The minister said he was confident that Jordan would comfortably close a forecast balance of payments gap of about \$900 million in 1989 by means of debt rescheduling, external grants and new concessional loans.

"We are going to cover it, plus about \$120 million to rebuild our reserves," he said. He would not disclose the current level of foreign exchange reserves.

Dollars are hard to obtain through the banking system. A thriving black market was pricing the dollar at 750 fils to the Jordanian dinar, compared to the Central Bank rate of 570.

Jaradeh said there was no need for a further depreciation in the dinar, which has lost about 40 per cent of its dollar value over the past year. "What is happening in the market is not justified by economic fundamentals," he said.

Arab aid in goods and cash

had reached \$180 million so far this year and more was likely, he said.

External aid would exceed the IMF-approved target of \$296 million. Jordan would receive 20 to 30 million dinars (\$35 to 53 million) worth of US aid in commodities.

Jordan has long relied on foreign aid, loans and remittances from Jordanians working abroad to help cover its large trade deficit, which in 1988 exceeded \$1.2 billion.

Last year remittances through the banking system were worth about \$900 million and were expected to dwindle to \$850 million this year, Jaradeh said.

Arab aid levels are uncertain following the expiry last year of a 10-year Arab commitment to grant Jordan about \$1.25 billion a year. Actual receipts fell well short of this, with only Saudi Arabia paying its promised share in full.

Jaradeh said growth in the economy would be flat this year, but a rise of one to two per cent was possible in 1990.

World Bank extends freeze

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuters): The World Bank, responding to an international outcry over the violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in China, yesterday postponed indefinitely \$780 million in new loans to the Beijing government.

The United States, the largest World Bank shareholder, called last week for such a freeze, and many other governments have expressed their revulsion at the killing of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of civilians in Beijing earlier this month when the military suppressed the demonstrations.

Japan, the biggest official donor to China, has suspended its \$5.5 billion aid programme. "Management was told it's too early to rush back to the board" to seek approval for new loans, one of the bank's directors said.

The board, which is reviewing a rush of loans before the end of the bank's financial year on Friday, had been due to approve \$330 million in credits this week to fund provincial transport improvements, technical co-operation and industrial development in Shanghai.

The bank had already put \$450 million in new financing on hold and sent the head of its China department, Shahid Javed Burki, to Beijing last week on a fact-finding mission.

It was unclear how long the freeze would last. One official said the loans would probably be held up for at least two months, but others said it could be longer.

The bank said: "The timing of discussions on such loans will be kept under review and determined in consultation with the Chinese authorities."

The World Bank is a big lender to China, with more than 70 projects worth \$8 billion, and some officials argued against harming relations with such a major client.

Delaying the loans will significantly depress the bank's lending totals.

World Bank loan for Brazil

WASHINGTON, June 27, (UPI): The World Bank yesterday announced the approval of a \$100 million loan to help finance urban infrastructure development in Brazil.

About 318 municipalities in Brazil's Parana state, in the south of the country, will benefit from a project designed to help them manage their rapidly growing populations and build needed infrastructure, the multilateral organisation said.

According to the World Bank, Parana has the fastest growing urban population in Brazil. As a result of this growth and the slowing of the national economy, urban poverty has increased in the state.

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Britain's payments deficit drops

LONDON, June 27, (Reuters): Britain's balance of payments deficit fell to £1.32 billion (\$2 billion) in May from £1.66 billion (\$2.57 billion) in April, easing pressure on the government to increase interest rates.

The Department of Trade and Industry said today the trade deficit of £1.72 billion (\$2.66 billion) in May was offset by a surplus of £400 million (\$620 million) on invisible items such as insurance and banking.

The figures were significantly better than expected. Economists had forecast an overall deficit of between £1.7 and 2 billion (\$2.6 and 3.1 billion).

The announcement halted sterling's steady slide against the dollar. The pound rose almost two pence against the West German mark to reach 3.0462 as the Bank of England intervened to further bolster it.



Nigel Lawson

The London Stock Exchange's FTSE index of 100 leading shares jumped 10.2 points to 2189.8.

The figures showed record

British exports in May worth £7.6 billion (\$11.8 billion), up six per cent on April, while imports remained stable at £9.2 billion (\$14.2 billion).

Another bad set of figures could have forced Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson to raise interest rates above their current levels of 14 per cent with the risk of pushing the economy into recession.

Opposition Labour Party trade spokesman Bryan Gould acknowledged the deficit was not as bad as had been feared but said Britain was still heading for a record £18 billion (\$28 billion) trade gap for the year.

"The fundamentals of Lawson's predicament have not changed," he said. "It is increasingly clear we cannot sustain a trade position as weak as this and a balance of payments deficit as bad as this."

Time rejects \$12.2b Paramount offer

'Increased price is inadequate'

NEW YORK, June 27, (Reuters): Time Inc. rejected Paramount Communications' new \$12.2 billion offer yesterday saying the bid was too low and that Time remained committed to its planned \$14-billion buyout of Warner Communications.

"Time remains committed to its acquisition of Warner," Time chairman Richard Munro said in a statement. "Our board saw no reason to abandon our long-term strategic objectives in light of Paramount's original, eleventh-hour and highly conditional unsolicited offer."

Time, owner of Time

magazine and the largest magazine publisher in the United States, said "the increased price is inadequate and not in the best interests of Time, its stockholders and its other constituents."

If a combined Paramount-Time or Time-Warner concern ever materialises it would be the world's largest media company, easily exceeding West Germany's Bertelsmann in revenues.

Time, which also publishes People and Fortune magazines, is also a large presence in cable television through its home box

office channel. It has wide book publishing holdings, including Little Brown and Co and the Book-of-the-Month Club.

The company is seen as a logical match for either Warner or Paramount, both of which have extensive film and television interests that would complement Time's publishing strength.

Paramount, which Friday raised its bid for Time to \$200 a share from \$175 a share, said: "We will continue to pursue our acquisition of Time in a calm, studied and deliberate manner."

Cambodia's capital becomes Indochina's trading post

PHNOM PENH, June 27, (Reuters): On dusty Tep Phan Street, dealers and buyers scrutinise ranks of second-hand Japanese motorbikes gleaming in the sun.

Bare-chested workers, ignoring the occasional crunch of a smashing rear light, unload a newly-arrived consignment of the dilapidated machines.

The bikes, near the end of a circuitous journey across Asia, symbolise the economic revival that has turned this shattered capital into a bustling international trading post.

The motorbikes are shipped from Japan through Singapore to the Cambodian ports of Kompong Som or Koh Kong and trucked to Phnom Penh.

Like much of the goods coming in — from

"We have become a trading point between East and West," said Khieu Kanharith, a Member of Parliament and editor of the weekly news magazine Kampuchea.

Private commerce is concentrated among a handful of wealthy traders, many of them ethnic Chinese, but Cambodia's government hopes it will have a trickle-down effect on the economy.

The prosperity of the traders sits incongruously with the shabbiness and poverty of a poor rice-growing country slowly recovering a decade after the Khmer Rouge holocaust and still involved in a guerrilla war which began after Vietnam invaded Cambodia in 1978, replacing the pro-Peking Khmer Rouge with a Soviet-aligned administration.

The government has encouraged trade as it eases state controls and opens up private enterprise, part of popular reforms anticipat-

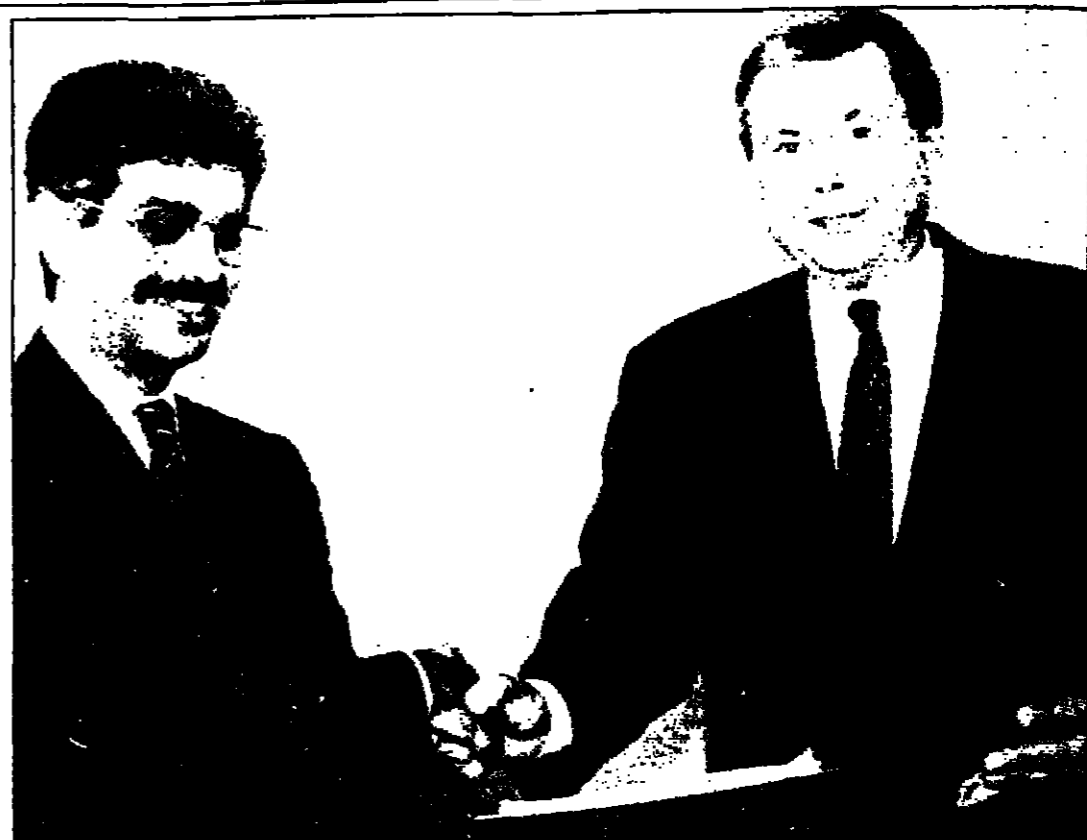
ing the possibility of elections if a peace settlement is reached.

Prime Minister Hun Sen is due to meet leaders of three guerrilla factions in Paris next month ahead of an international conference on the conflict scheduled in August.

Businessmen in the region, particularly from Singapore and Thailand, are seizing the opportunity created by the reforms, funneling goods to the emerging Vietnamese market through Phnom Penh.

The main currency is gold. The owner of one motorbike stall, who said he sold some 5,000 bikes a month in the first half of this year, weighed out a handful of gold rings on a delicate balance as a local customer bid for an ageing Honda.

"It's old in Japan, but it's new in Cambodia," the dealer said, gesturing at the shabby frame and bald tyres.



Youssef Essa Al Hassawi (left) senior executive vice-president of Kuwait Foreign Trading and Investment Company (KFTIC), pictured with Dr Knut Fischer.

Joint venture firm takes shape

BKK-Kapital Management GmbH, Berliner Bank and the Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Company (KFTIC), has formed a participation management company domiciled in Berlin (West).

Both shareholders hold 50 per cent of the company. KFTIC, an investment bank in Kuwait, is a subsidiary of the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA). KIA as a public institution is directly responsible to the Ministry of Finance and administers the Reserve Funds of Kuwait, primarily engaging in investments in companies outside the country.

KFTIC will present in Germany for the first time with the formation of this company. Its goal is to participate more inten-

sely in the German economy. The new company will initially start a fund in the amount of DM50 million to invest in participations in companies in the Federal Republic of Germany, including Berlin (West), as well as other European countries.

This investment strategy intends to take special account of the rising capital needs of medium-sized companies in view of the single European market.

Commitments of 50 per cent to participate in the fund have already been made. More investors have already shown interest.

Besides investing in participations, the new company will also be involved in direct investment and business consulting, primarily for customers in the

near and Middle East.

As a result of the joint venture, Berliner Bank expects a major expansion of its already successful and long standing business relations with the Gulf states, in particular with Kuwait.

Furthermore, the investment company will significantly augment the current investment activities of the bank.

This new company will also add a further important facet to the financial centre Berlin.

The impetus to form this joint venture came primarily from discussions held between the Kuwait Finance Minister, Jassem Al Khorafi, and the general management of Berliner Bank during the World Bank meeting 1988 in Berlin.

Economic disruption won't affect farm trade

WASHINGTON, June 27, (Reuters): US Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said yesterday that some disruption was inevitable in Chinese economic activity because of the political turmoil, but he doubted it would have a significant effect on agricultural trade.

Yeutter, speaking before the American Seed Trade Association, repeated his statement that President George Bush would not place an embargo on US trade with China as that would be counterproductive.

But he said Beijing's access to subsidised US farm exports was another matter.

Yeutter said the White House was still considering whether China should continue to have access to wheat subsidies under the export enhancement programme (EEP). The EEP is a "nuance somewhat different from the traditional market-place," he said.

While he expects no significant adverse impact on farm trade, Yeutter said events in China could have a greater effect on investment patterns.

"I would guess that a good number of businessmen today, agricultural or industrial, would be a whole lot more sceptical about making additional joint venture investment in China than they might have been a few weeks ago," he said.

Yeutter said the situation in China was "so fluid and so volatile" that he did not believe anyone could predict how things would evolve there over the next six months to a year.

"There could well be some disruption in economic activity, of course. That's almost inevitable to some degree in that kind of political turmoil," Yeutter said.

Tunisia's GDP growth slows

Poor grain harvest

TUNIS, June 27, (Reuters): Tunisia has slashed its forecast for economic growth this year because of a poor grain harvest and said it would have to modify an economic liberalisation programme approved by the IMF.

Planning and Finance Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi said gross domestic product (GDP) in calendar 1989 was likely to be just 3.5 per cent, down from a previous estimate of 5.5 per cent.

Low rainfall would cut the harvest of mainly wheat to 500,000 tonnes, less than half the annual average, Ghannouchi said in reply to written questions.

Extra food imports would raise the current account deficit to 415 million dinars (\$426 million) from a previous estimate of 285 million (\$293 million), he told Reuters.

The harvest in 1988, hit by poor rains and also drought, was just 300,000 tonnes and GDP grew by just 1.5 per cent.

Ghannouchi said the economic climate would force the government to modify a programme approved by the International Monetary Fund.

The programme includes lowering import barriers and state subsidies, working towards a flotation of the dinar, and privatising state-owned companies.

"But the philosophy is not in question. In that respect our approach remains pragmatic. The important thing is to stay on course and I think we are doing that," Ghannouchi said.

He gave no details of how the programme would change but Central Bank Governor Ismail Khelil has linked the harvest to the rate of privatisation.

Privatisation entails laying off workers, which the government does not want to do as unemployment is already high in the countryside due to low farm incomes.

Earlier this month the government said the strong dollar would add 100 million dinars (\$103 million) to interest payments this year on Tunisia's foreign debt of 5.4 billion dinars (\$5.5 billion).

Cabinet ministers added that imports and prices were rising too fast. Inflation was running at an annual 8.4 per cent in January.

Ghannouchi said foreign currency reserves stood at more than two months' imports.

First investment in private project

Kuwait to invest in India

THE Kuwait Real Estate Investment Consortium (KREIC) has decided to invest Rs 28.5 million in the equity capital of DCL Polysters Limited, Hyderabad, according to the Indian Embassy release.

It said the company is setting up a Rs 1280 million (nearly KD 24 million) polyester filament yarn plant near Nagpur in Maharashtra.

The plant is expected to go on stream in August.

It said that a delegation consisting of M.R. Raju, managing director of the Indian company, who is the promoter of the project and for this project, had visited Kuwait in January, 1989, and made KREIC and other concerned financial institution.

The Kuwait investment in a limited company of private sector in India is first of its kind.

By Kathy Cuddihy

Sometimes I wonder

THIS morning I climbed onto the bathroom scales in my usual bleary-eyed, nonchalant fashion. Then, quite uncharacteristically, I let out a short but piercing scream.

"What's wrong, Mom?" asked my concerned son as he rushed to my rescue.

"Oh, nothing," I replied, patting my heart reassuringly. "For one awful minute my myopic vision misread the numbers, that's all."

"Here, Mom, you get on the scales and I'll tell you what it says," he kindly volunteered.

His rendition was shockingly in tune with my own and I had to grab the washbasin to support my slumping body.

How can something like that happen? I didn't weigh that much yesterday.

Where did all that extra bulk come from? Is there a weighting room somewhere in the heavens from which all these mysterious kilos descend upon unsuspecting bodies during the night?

The more I pondered the question, the more I decided that the solution had to be somewhere along those lines. After all, where does lost weight go? Does it simply evaporate? There are some remarkable people who can lose a couple of kilos overnight

and I strongly suspect that these itinerant kilos look for a new home with innocents like me.

Toying with these notions, other imponderables passed through my head. For example, how is it that I can put a number of matched pairs of socks into the washing machine and, by the time they come out of the dryer, find that their number is depleted? By the end of each week the stock has increased substantially. What's more, there's a wretched selectiveness about the whole process: it's usually the good socks that disappear and the worn ones which stay behind.

I've checked the mechanics of both machines to see if by any chance one of them has incorporated some sort of digestive system. Nothing. Not a darn thing... except copious quantities of fluff and unrecognizable remnants from pockets.

As a consequence of this strange pattern, I've laid down a new rule: anyone who buys socks and expects me to wash them has to buy a minimum of two pairs of the same style and colour. In theory, it should then take at least twice as long to work down to one odd

sock. In the circumstances, I don't know why socks are sold in pairs anyway. They should sell in three's or five's.

Last week, in resignation, I gathered together a sizeable collection of strays that had accumulated over the past couple of years. Still, I couldn't bring myself to throw them away. Instead, I donated them to a relief agency. Who knows? Perhaps someone else has done the same thing and a few matched pairs might result.

Akin to this mystery is one concerning recipes and their ingredients. Do you ever notice that when you're thumbing through cookbooks that "useful" recipes often catch your eye? Recipes that conveniently and tastily get rid of leftovers like a week's supply of cooked turkey, or a dozen egg yolks. They always sound ideal and you make a mental note that the next time these odds and ends make an appearance in the fridge, you'll quickly resort to the gourmet solution. Needless to say, when you find the recipes you don't have the "leftover" ingredients and when you do have them you can never remember where on earth you saw the

recipe.

Another one of life's illogical situations involves the payment of airport tax. Oh, there's nothing particularly illogical about airport tax in general; it's just how and when it's sometimes expected to be paid. For some reason, although there's no problem using a credit card to carry out other airport activities such as buying an airline ticket, paying for excess baggage, or stocking up at duty free, when it comes to paying airport tax, the authorities want it in the cold currency of the country. This might not be such an obstacle if the tax were paid at arrival, when most passengers have the necessary cash. But no, it's a departure tax. Are we the only people who depart for home with about enough local money for a coffee and a magazine?

Last, but not least of these wonders, is the black hole syndrome. The black hole is where missing sunglasses hide. It's the "safe" place where important papers disappear. Inevitably, it's always the last spot to look for the endless stream of misplaced paraphernalia. And surely the black hole has got to be where all those odd socks hang out.

...of salad days in meatless Pakistan

A rich hoard of poignant memories

Sara Suleri, a Pakistani writer brings to life her remarkable family and post-independence Pakistan in a style that deserves the attention of all readers who love good English prose.

By Robert Wilson

EVEN in this season so abundant in tempting new memoirs, Sara Suleri's *Meatless Days* deserves the attention of readers who love good English prose.

Her sentences unfold with a mesmerising cadence, and her language is pungent and fresh.

Her prose undoubtedly reflects the "unlikely pair" who were her parents, a prominent Pakistani journalist father, whose jeremiads against various post-partition governments sometimes landed him in jail, and a Welsh mother who taught Jane Austen at the university in Lahore. She and her two brothers, two sisters, and a half sister grew up in a household bubbling with language, the power and play of words.

In nine chapters that are really nine shapely individual essays, Suleri brings to life those parents and siblings plus a withered grandmother, a Bunyanesque boyfriend and a girlhood friend whose many nicknames reflect the Suleri family's love of word-play. Almost incidentally, Suleri tells something of recent Pakistani history, and how she left Pakistan and ended up in the USA where she teaches English at Yale.

At the heart of her story, though, are her losses. First her mother was struck by a cart in the street. Then her older sister Ifat was killed by a hit-and-run driver

in what many believed was a murder ordered by her father's enemies.

It's hard to think of a nobler motive for the memoirist than to resurrect loved one who died too young, and give them some kind of life. Ifat is twice-blessed in this way, because she exists both in a photograph taken by Sara's much-nicknamed friend, Fawzia Mustafa, and in her sister's words:

"She stands white and erect, glancing down at a diagonal to the tugging of her daughter Alia's hand. She seems tall and finely boned, head bowed in the face of its own beauty, quite grave to be what it must be. Her slenderness is such as to suggest a keen fragility, most poignant to me, so that when the photograph first met my eyes I cried aloud, 'I must protect this girl.'"

Part of what holds these essays together is Suleri's persistent attention to language and to food, not only subjects of the book but sources from which she draws metaphors. Perhaps her strongest metaphor gives the book its title.

Shortly after partition, the government declared two meatless days a week on which butcher shops would close, the better to conserve the limited meat supply.

Suleri describes a weird dream she had after her mother's death, in which she tried to save pieces of her mother's body that had



The author's sister, Ifat, on the dust jacket of her book 'Meatless Days.' (photo by Fawzia Mustafa)

arrived in a butcher's truck, but then she had "woken to a world of meatless days."

She has explained earlier, however, that, because of hoarding meatless days were never really meatless. We are to understand, I think, that we too may

have hoard up in language those who sustain us — as Sara Suleri does in this lovely book. *Meatless Days* By Sara Suleri University of Chicago Press 186 pp., \$17.95

COURTESY, USA Today

Greene: tough subject for biography

By Jeff Franks

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, (Reuters): Norman Sherry travelled the world, endured serious illnesses, and gathered more than 20 tonnes of material in his quest to capture the life of author Graham Greene.

And still his job is not finished. He has spent 14 years on the first volume of a biography of Greene, and the second volume will not be completed for another three years.

"You can never have too much material. How many of us know ourselves? So how much more difficult to know another person, in particular as complex, shy and reserved a person as Greene was and is," said Sherry, literature professor at Trinity University, San Antonio.

The nearly 800-page first volume of Greene's biography, *The Life of Graham Greene*, was published in April in Britain and will be out later this month in the United States.

The second and concluding

volume will not be completed for another three years, Sherry said.

Greene, now 84, asked Sherry to write his biography at a 1974 meeting in a British club. Neither man knew then what an epic journey the work would become.

Sherry was selected by the famed British writer because Greene admired his earlier, exhaustive biography of author Joseph Conrad, which took 10 years to complete.

Sherry has followed in Greene's footsteps, travelling to most of the places the globe-trotting writer used as background in such works as *The Power and the Glory*, *The Heart of the Matter* and *The End of the Affair*.

Along the way Sherry contracted gangrene of the intestine in Paraguay and hepatitis and tropical diabetes in Africa, and was temporarily blinded in a car accident in Britain.

"I must confess there were times when I wondered if it was worth it. At times, I was filled

with morbid thoughts that instead of my writing his biography, Greene would write my obituary," Sherry said.

Even though Greene has commented with irritation at the length of time the book has taken, Sherry said his travels have given him insight into the sources of some of Greene's most memorable characters and into the man himself.

In the tiny Mexican village of Yajalan, Sherry found an old man Greene had encountered 40 years before and on whom he based a character in *The Power and the Glory*.

"That's what (the travels) were about. If he said he had difficulties in a place, I wanted to go to that place and see for myself how difficult it was," he said. "I decided you can't really know someone unless you know their settings as well as themselves."

Sherry and Greene, who live in Antibes, France, have met on many occasions for lengthy interviews. The author has also given his biographer access to

all his personal papers. Sherry believes Greene, a very private man, asked him to do his biography only because he knew it was inevitable that it would be done.

"He does not enjoy talking about himself. While I'm interviewing him, he never relaxes. He sits immensely still, never moves, simply answering the questions I ask him. Then, when it's all over, he can relax and we have a drink," Sherry said of their meetings.

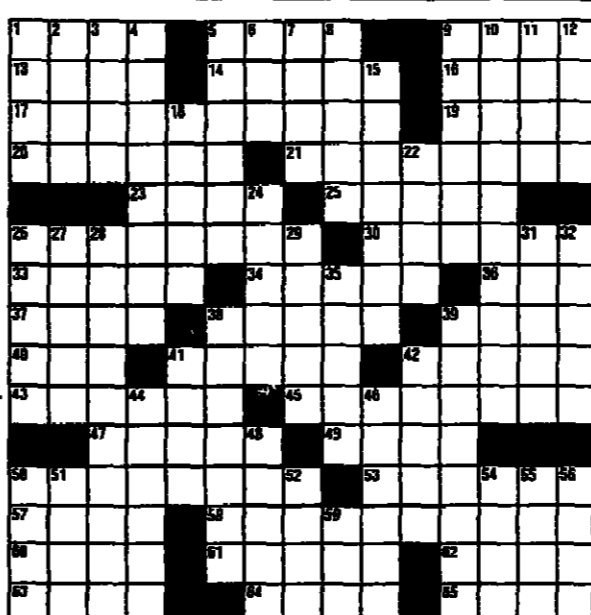
"I'm very happy in his company, but when I'm interviewing him it's something of a strain," he said.

Greene is brilliant, but remarkably without ego, Sherry said.

"I don't think he thinks much of himself," he said.

"No man lies in his diary unless he's a president who knows his history will read his thoughts, so Greene's private notations about himself led me to believe he had a strong desire for personal annihilation," he said.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 13 Genus of olive trees
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- 19 Islands off Galway
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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The bidding:

North East South West

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Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

We know of a famous internationalist who, when he sat down at the rubber bridge table, would announce to his partner: "Don't signal me; I know what to do!" His edict was only half in jest. He was afraid of what his partner might tell declarer!

North-South arrived at a fairly routine contract of three no trump. It was the right game to reach — as the cards lie, five of either minor stood no chance after a heart lead.

East's ten of hearts was allowed to hold the first trick. Anxious to advise his partner that his entry was

in the lowest-ranking side suit, East returned the jack of hearts and, when that too was permitted to win, he emphasized his message with an exclamation point by continuing with the two. West signalled vigorously in diamonds.

In with the ace of hearts and with only five fast tricks in sight, declarer had to decide which minor suit to develop. He decided to take the defenders' carding at face value. Since he had been informed that East held the king of clubs, declarer went after the diamond suit. West took his ace and dutifully shifted to a club, but it was too little, too late. Declarer rose with the ace of clubs and cashed out his nine tricks—three spades, one heart four diamonds and one club.

In situations of this sort the defenders shouldn't bother to signal at all! After winning the first trick with the ten, East should simply continue with the king and queen of hearts, and West should do nothing to tip off his diamond holding. In view of the overall, declarer is more likely to place East with the ace of diamonds than the king of clubs, and so take the club finesse. That would result in a three-trick set!



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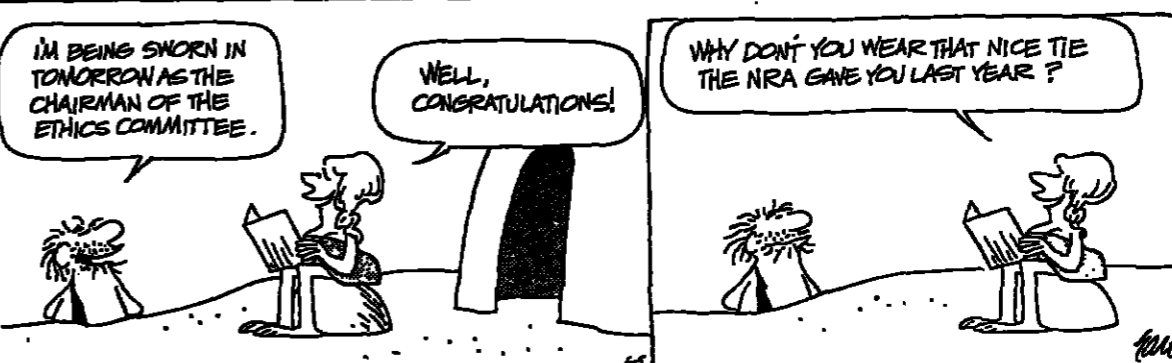
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

You will be better able to deal with your financial affairs. An offer or proposal should be considered most carefully. Do not play with emotions — your own or other people's. Be generous.

You will feel more like your 'old' self and this will enable you to make good progress. You should avoid neglecting a personal matter. Venus' better influence will help you to stay on good terms with those close to you. Be attentive.

You will be better able to see the other person's point of view. Consider the alternatives carefully before making up your mind. Do not leave travel arrangements until the last minute. Be methodical.

You should try not to take on any new commitments until you have dealt with those still outstanding. The solution to one of your problems lies elsewhere than you are looking for it. Do not make changes just for the sake of change. Be hopeful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to make good progress. Do all you can to avoid losing your temper. Keep your wits very much about you. Be moderate.

You should try not to make a mountain out of a molehill. Make sure you do not put on weight, but nor should you lose too much. Have a little bit more faith in yourself. Make sure you get enough regular exercise. Be frugal.

Concentrate hard and do not try to do more than one thing at a time. Avoid making a nuisance of yourself and do not allow others to prey on you. Do not expect to have everything quite your own way. Be objective.

You will be able to do what has to be done without much bother and fuss. You will be inclined to feel rather nervous and tense and should do all you can to keep calm and take things as they come. And you should not expect results overnight. Be less selfish.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Mercury's influence coupled with that of Jupiter will help you to see things more clearly. You should try not to allow yourself to succumb to negative thoughts. Do not squander money on trivialities. Be less intolerant.

You will have to do something somewhat unpleasant, but there is nothing for it. You should not take too much if anything for granted. Make sure you do not leave any doors or windows open when you leave the house. Be tactful.

You should beware of saying one thing and doing something quite different. A problem which seemed quite easy to deal with will prove far harder, but is far from insoluble. You will be more able to distinguish what is right from what is not. Be reasonable.

You will be able to do what you set out to do only if you are really determined. Try to find a little more time for a personal matter. Your lucky numbers are 34 and 26. Do not expect others to do for you what you should do for yourself. Be sincere.

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Rose set up gambling network: report

NEW YORK, June 27, (AP) Pete Rose bet \$2,000 per game on his Cincinnati Reds and other baseball teams during the summer of 1987 and set up an extensive gambling network over a three-year period, according to a report prepared for the commissioner's office and released yesterday.

The 225-page report, compiled by investigator John M. Dowd, was publicly released by Hamilton County common

pleas Judge Norbert A. Nadel under pressure from the Ohio Supreme Court, which said he had no reason to keep it sealed.

On Sunday, Nadel granted the Reds manager a temporary restraining order that blocked Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti from holding a hearing yesterday on the gambling allegation. Rose could be banned from the game for life if the bet on the Reds, and Dowd's report said there was much evidence that he did.

Rose "admitted that he has bet on sports events since 1975," including NFL, NBA and college basketball games, the report said, but noted Rose has denied under oath ever bet on Major League Baseball.

Dowd's report disagreed. "The testimony and the documentary evidence gathered in the course of the investigation demonstrates that Pete Rose bet on baseball, and in particular, on games of the Cincinnati Reds baseball club,

during the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons," the report said.

"The evidence revealed that in order to protect his stature as one of the most famous players in baseball history, Pete Rose employed middlemen to place bets for him with bookmakers and at the Racetrack and to pay gambling losses and collect gambling winnings, thereby concealing his gambling activity," Dowd wrote.



Harding aims to defend title in front of his own fans

SYDNEY, Australia, June 27 (AP) Newly-crowned World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion Jeff Harding plans to make his first title defense in front of his own fans, he said yesterday.

Only a handful of Australians were on hand to watch Harding wrest the title from Detroit-based Englishman Dennis Andries with a dramatic 12th round stoppage at Atlantic City, New Jersey on Saturday night, but Harding hopes thousands of his countrymen will be at ring-side when he defends the title belt.

"I want to make at least a couple of defenses back here before returning to the United States," said Harding after his arrival back in Sydney this morning.

"I plan to make four defenses at least and I'd like to fight in Australia all the time. I have to be realistic, though. The US is where the big money is."

"Harding, unbeaten outside of Australia, stunned the boxing world with his final round demolition of Andries, who was on odds-on favorite."

He was cheered by hundreds of fans on his arrival at Sydney airport and then was driven in a limousine to a hotel news conference.

"I'm more used to catching the bus," joked the 24-year-old Sydney resident, a self-confessed former beach bum who has won all 15 of his professional fights, including 12 by knockout.

"I'm ecstatic at the response. It will probably all sink in a few days." Both Harding's eyes were black, his whole face puffy and he said his broken nose painful.

"I feel a lot better than I look," he joked. "I can't express how I felt when I won. It was phenomenal."

Harding said he felt he still had much improving to do.

"If I didn't feel I could improve a whole lot I wouldn't be fighting," he said. "There is so much talent in Jeff Harding that has still to emerge."

Twins outlast Athletics

Indians hold off Rangers

NEW YORK, June 27, (AP) The Oakland Athletics still have the best record in the American League, but they're at their worst in extra innings.

Kirby Puckett hit a solo home run with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning last night and the Minnesota Twins won 4-3, making the Athletics winless in six extra-inning games this season.

The Athletics made it 3-all with a run in the ninth and then missed a chance to score more in the inning, leaving the bases loaded.

Minnesota then came back for its 12th victory in 17 games.

Puckett, who earlier drove in two runs with a triple and single, hit his fifth homer of the season. Todd Burns, 4-2, had not allowed a home run in 56 innings this season.

Indians 4, Rangers 3
John Farrell won for just the second time in nine decisions and Doug Jones got his 17th save, leading the Cleveland Indians over the Texas Rangers.

Farrell, 4-8, gave up three runs on six hits in 6 2-3 innings and stopped his three-game losing streak. Jones escaped a second-and-third jam by getting Sammy

Sosa on a grounder to end the seventh inning and finished up.

Cleveland scored twice in the first inning as Bobby Witt, 5-8, retired only two batters. It was the shortest start of Witt's four-year career in the Major Leagues.

The Cincinnati Reds, playing under a cloud caused by the public release of a report alleging manager Pete Rose bet extensively on baseball, rallied to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-3 last night.

Bo Diaz hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning off Tim Lincecum, 4-7.

The atmosphere wasn't really good in our dug out after we had not scored in the 20-plus innings," Rose said. "We needed the win tonight. We needed a break and got it from Jethro (Paul O'Neill) and then again from Bo (Diaz)."

Expos 8, Mets 1
Dwight Gooden, who experienced shoulder stiffness in his previous two starts, lasted only four innings last night and allowed a three-run homer to Spike Owen in a five-run fourth as Montreal beat New York.

It was the Expos' fourth straight victory and gave them a

one-half game lead over the Mets and Chicago in the National League East.

Pirates 2, Cubs 1
Doug Drabek pitched a seven-hitter as Pittsburgh beat Chicago, sending the Cubs to their fourth straight loss.

The Pirates broke an eight-game losing streak to Chicago, dating back to last season. The Cubs have scored only one run in their last four games.

Phillies 5, Cardinals 4
Dickie Thon's RBI single with the bases-loaded capped a three-run, ninth-inning rally as Philadelphia defeated St. Louis.

Randy Ready hit a two-run double off the top of the left-field wall to tie the score 4-4. Ricky Jordan drew an intentional walk before Thon singled up the middle off Todd Worrell, 1-2, to score the game-winning run.

Results

National League
Cincinnati 5 Los Angeles 3
Montreal 8 New York 1
Pittsburgh 2 Chicago 1
San Francisco 4 Houston 3
Philadelphia 5 St. Louis 4

American League
Minnesota 4 Texas 3
Cleveland 4 Kansas City 3
Kansas City v Seattle ppd (rain)

Standings

American League

East Division
W L Pct GB
Montreal 41 34 .547
New York 39 33 .542
Chicago 40 34 .541
St. Louis 36 35 .510
Pittsburgh 30 41 .423
Philadelphia 25 46 .352

West Division

W L Pct GB
San Francisco 46 29 .613
Houston 42 33 .561
Cincinnati 40 34 .541
Los Angeles 37 37 .500
San Diego 36 40 .474
Atlanta 29 44 .397

National League

East Division
W L Pct GB
Baltimore 41 31 .569
New York 36 37 .493
Toronto 36 38 .486
Boston 34 37 .479
Cleveland 33 39 .457
Milwaukee 33 40 .457
Detroit 27 45 .375

West Division

W L Pct GB
Oakland 46 30 .605
California 42 30 .583
Kansas City 42 31 .575
Texas 41 33 .554
Minnesota 38 37 .507
Seattle 34 41 .451
Chicago 29 47 .382

Players await NBA draft

NEW YORK, June 27, (AP) Danny Ferry says that this evening's college draft might be too early to tell his future in the National Basketball Association.

"I may not even be sure what I'm playing until Wednesday or Thursday," said Ferry, the Duke forward who is among several prospects for the No. 1 pick. "I remember Charles Smith and Mel Turpin both had interviews with their new teams after being drafted, and then got drafted, and then got traded the same day."

The first pick is expected to come from a list that includes Ferry, Sean Elliott of Arizona, Stacey King of Oklahoma, Louisville's Pervis Ellison and Glen Rice of Michigan.



Pete Rose: accused of gambling

New Jersey not home of baseball: New York

HOBOKEN, New Jersey, June 27, (AP) The game was sloppy, pitting a group of mostly out-of-shape freshmen of the Knickerbocker Baseball Club, against the New York Club, a hardy assemblage of Erastus cricketers.

The rules called for one out per inning and baserunners could be thrown out by being hit with the ball. Batters who hit balls beyond the outfield were only given one base because balls were hard to find.

When the dust cleared after the four-inning game at Hoboken's Elysian Fields on June 19, 1846, the New York Club had defeated the Knickerbockers 23-1.

Despite its crudity, that game has been noted by many as baseball's first organized match, largely due to a book published 15 years ago.

But recent books have challenged that claim, and now some New York lawmakers want to declare the Empire state baseball's home plate on New York's license plates. Their contention that Abner Doubleday started the game in 1839 in Cooperstown, New York, has enraged New Jersey politicians, ever mindful of their state's image, and further mocked the ribbard over the true origin of the game.

The New York State Senate unanimously approved a measure on June 12 to allow special plates bearing the words, "birthplace of baseball." The move coincides with the 50th anniversary of the baseball hall of fame in Cooperstown.

Under the measure, non-baseball fans would be allowed to keep their old license plates with the Statue of Liberty likeness, another source point with New Jerseyans who believe the statue rests on Garden State property.

The bill still must be passed by the New York assembly and signed by Gov. Mario Cuomo, a former Minor League baseball player, before it becomes law.

Tom Heitz, librarian for the baseball Hall of Fame, says Hoboken has strong ties to the roots of baseball, but is not the game's home plate.

The national pastime was linked to the small Hudson River city in a 1974 book by Harold Peterson, "The man who invented baseball." Peterson poked holes in the Doubleday story and credited the game's creation to Alexander Cartwright, leader of the New York Knickerbocker team.

Peterson traced baseball's beginning to the 1846 game on the Elysian Fields.

Heitz says the book correctly recognizes Cartwright, but academic research has since disproven some of the book's conclusions about the game's origin. Since the 1986 publication of the book, "A sporting time," by Melvin L. Adelman, the Hall of Fame considers Manhattan the cradle of the game.

The book cites an article in the New York Herald newspaper of Oct. 21, 1845, that described a game at Madison Avenue and 27th St. in which the New York club defeated a Brooklyn team 37-19.

However, Heitz says indications exist that a game roughly similar to baseball was played in the 1830s in the Philadelphia-Camden, New Jersey area.

France fight back for win

ROTORUA, New Zealand, June 27, (Reuters) France staged a second-half comeback today to score a lucky 22-18 win over Bay of Plenty in the last provincial game of their eight-match rugby union tour of New Zealand.

France, in an uninspiring prelude to Saturday's second Test against the All Blacks, trailed 15-7 at half time.

They clinched victory only four minutes from time in a scrappy and sometimes ill-tempered match.

France, who have now won four and lost three on their tour, won 15-3 down late in the first half.

They gained plenty of quality possession through their much

taller line-out and heavier scrum, but wasted it by running the ball back to the forwards to set up close quarter drives and mauls.

The game was often scrappy and there were a number of ill-tempered incidents.

Bay of Plenty number eight Steve van der Leeden was injured in one clash and French prop Marc Pujolle was lucky not to be ordered off for illegal stopping.

France had a strong scrum to thank for two of its tries with stand-off Frank Mesnel barging over on the blind side for the first and scrum-half Henri Sanz getting the second with another blind side rush 14 minutes into the second half.

France clinched the match

when Mesnel scored a second try under the spot after centre Patrice Lagisquet had capitalised on a centring kick from left-winger Jean-Baptiste Lafond. Lafond's conversion gave France their four-point margin.

Bay scored one good try midway through the first half when Van der Leeden exploited a French line-out error.

From the ruck they put together a crisp back-line attack which brought centre Darrell Shelford a try when he doubled round right-winger Peter Woods.

Bay's hero was fly-half Kopae Irihei who kicked long and accurately to land five goals from six attempts.

Lions score 6th straight victory

DUBBO, Australia, June 27, (Reuters) Wingers Mike Hall and Rory Underwood each scored a brace of tries to power the British Lions to a 39-19 victory over New South Wales B today the sixth successive win of their 12-match tour.

In cold conditions, the Lions once again turned on the heat in the second half after the state side had kept the touring side at bay with a strong wind at their backs.

Ahead 9-6 at halftime in their final game before the first Test on July 1, the Lions cut loose at the start of the second half and Underwood raced away 30 metres to score a fine try.

Centre Scott Hastings, like Underwood and Hall still in line for a Test place, also helped himself to a try while prop David Sole capped a momentous day by scoring a four-pointer in his first game as Lions captain. Gary Armstrong scored the other.

Midway through the second half the state side mounted a comeback, with scrum-half Brad Burke crossing twice to cut the Lions lead to 25-19. But the Lions pulled away to record their second highest victory of the tour.

In a generally scrappy game the Lions forwards, led by breakaways John Jeffrey and Andy Robinson, provided a wealth of possession by reaching the breakdown far quicker than their opponents.

Either Jeffrey or Robinson could be a surprise inclusion in the Test side instead of Lions captain Finally Calder, who has yet to live up to his Five Nations form.

Lock Wade Dooley had a good game in the line-out but would be lucky to oust Robert Norster or Paul Ackford from the Test line-up. Winger Chris Oti is still recovering from knee injury suffered during Saturday's defeat of the state side.

Bird shines on return from surgery



Bird (left) scored 33 points.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 27, (AP) As first steps go, this one looked more like a leap for Larry Bird.

In his first game appearance in seven months, Bird scored 33 points in 29 minutes as his white team outscored the Red 182-168 in the Larry Bird Pro All-Star Scholarship Classic.

As the score indicated, there was little defence played on Sunday night in Market Square arena. But for Bird, the mere act of stepping on the floor marked a significant point in his comeback from surgery on both heels.

"Well, it's been a while, but overall I was pleased with this little test," said the Boston Celtics star. "I really wasn't thinking about the injury going out there. I was just worried about getting in the flow and up and down the court. These are games that are great for seeing what kind of shape you're in. I obviously need to be in better shape for the season. I've got three months yet to prepare for next year."

Bird, who made his first six shots in the second half, was 13-for-23, including four of seven 3-pointers, and had seven assists and five rebounds. He ran the floor well but was cautious with his cuts from side-to-side.

"I don't think his lateral movement was there," said the Indiana Pacers' Chuck Person, who scored 15 points. "His shooting was excellent, as usual."

Celtics trainer Ed Lacerte, who accompanied Bird to the game to monitor the three-time Most Valuable Player's health, was cautiously optimistic about the result.

"I was pleased in the sense of the intensity he was able to maintain, going in and coming out," Lacerte said. "There was no sign of any inflammation or stiffness... it's a stepping stone."

The next step for Bird, after a closer inspection by the medical corps, is the Celtics rookie camp.

I don't think the game ever really got serious, but I think he fared well."

For the second consecutive year, guard Ron Harper of the Cleveland was the game's high scorer, with 38 points on 19-for-23 shooting. Chicago's Michael Jordan scored 34 to lead the white.

But for all the sideshows, the main attraction was Bird.

"He looked fine, he looked fine," Jordan said. "He wouldn't have played if he didn't think he could play."

Bird, who didn't seem impressed by his scoring, was more concerned about how his feet and ankles fared.

"It's a summer game and there wasn't much defence played," Bird said, "but the ankle didn't get stiff or sore. I hope it gets better. It's a start, anyway. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

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Sheikh Fahd

CAIRO, June 27. (KUNA): The chairman of Egyptian Olympic Committee Dr Abdel Karim Dirweesh received a message today from the chairman of Olympic Council of Asia Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed. The message was conveyed by OCA administrative director Abdel Muzalib Ahmed, who told KUNA that the message dealt with sports issues related to Asian and African continents.

Baseball star

SAN DIEGO, June 27. (AP): Former baseball star Steve Garvey has admitted he fathered the child of a San Diego woman, but would not comment on an Atlanta woman's paternity and breach-of-promise lawsuit against him. Garvey admitted paternity off-the-air yesterday, the day he began hosting a San Diego radio show.

Athlete banned

PARIS, June 27. (Reuters): French heptathlon record holder Chantal Beaugnot has been suspended for two years after failing a dope test in a club competition last month. The French Athletics Federation (FFA) said today. A FFA spokesman said traces of the banned steroid nandrolone were found in Beaugnot's urine sample after the French Inter-Club Championships in Dreux, on May 28.

New coach

WARSAW, June 27. (Reuters): Poland appointed Andrzej Streliau national soccer coach yesterday, two days after he led Legia Warszawa to the Polish cup. Streliau, 49, replaced Wojciech Lasarek, who resigned after Poland lost 3-0 to England in a World Cup qualifier on June 3.

Racing Paris

PARIS, June 27. (Reuters): French First Division club Racing Paris announced yesterday that Polish trainer Henryk Kasperczak would take charge of the team from next season. Kasperczak, sacked by Strasbourg last October, has signed a one-year contract.

Soviet Olympians

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, June 27. (AP): After years of negotiations with Soviet authorities, the New Jersey Devils have announced the signing of two Soviet Olympians considered among the world's premier defencemen. Viacheslav Fetisov, 31, and Sergei Starikov, 30, both members of the Central Red Army team and Soviet national squad, had been granted permission by the Soviet government to negotiate with the professional hockey team in May 1988.

Betting game

GRANTS PASS, Oregon, June 27. (AP): The state of Oregon is still interested in creating a football betting game, despite opposition from National Football League commissioner Pete Rozelle. "Faint heart never won fair lady," state lottery commission chairman E.D. "Debs" Potts said today. "We'll look at his (Rozelle's) concerns, but we'll be on good grounds when we go ahead."

Top players

LONDON, June 27. (Reuters): The world's top players must commit themselves to taking part in at least 11 tournaments on the new tour next year or risk having to qualify for individual events, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) said today.

Director quits

WIMBLEDON, England, June 27. (AP): Merrett Stierheim has resigned as executive director and chief executive officer of the Women's International Tennis Association. The resignation is effective on Jan 4, 1990. Stierheim said he was leaving because he had achieved his major goals and was looking for new challenges.

Wimbledon grass' future uncertain, says Connors

LONDON, June 27. (Reuters): Jimmy Connors, a Wimbledon campaigner since 1972, sees an uncertain future for the famous grass courts of the All England club on which the tournament is played.

Wimbledon is as old as the grass-court game itself, the first Wimbledon in 1877

having also been the first lawn-tennis tournament ever staged at any level. But over the years clay and synthetic materials have taken the place of the game's traditional surface and now Wimbledon stands isolated as the world's only major grass-court event. Connors, speaking at a news con-

ference after winning his first-round match at the 1989 championship yesterday, said: "This is all there is for grass now, and I do not know if there is one day going to come a time when this will have to change also."

"Will there come a time when all surfaces are one? You just make one univer-

sal surface that you play on all the time and that is it?"

Asked to answer those questions, or at least give his opinion of whether Wimbledon should change its surface, Connors was evasive.

"Whether I think it should change or

not, my opinion doesn't matter... better ask the young guys that come in here and talk to them."

"They are the ones that are going to be in control and have that on their mind, since they are the future of the game. They are the ones that really count."

Graf and Navratilova sail through

World No. 1 satisfied with her performance

LONDON, June 27. (Reuters): Title-holder Steffi Graf narrowly outpaced her great rival Martina Navratilova on ladies' day at the Wimbledon tennis championships today.

There was never any doubt that the top two seeds would win their first-round matches on the second day of the tournament and the only element of real competition was which of them, playing at the same time on the adjacent centre and number one courts, would finish first.

In the event it was Graf, the number one seed, who was the quicker with a 6-1 6-2 win over Briton Julie Salmon, the world's 212th ranked player.

Navratilova, whose defeat by Graf in last year's final had ended a run of six successive titles, beat Jill Hetherington of Canada, ranked 124th, 6-3 6-2.

Neither of the title favourites was at all stretched and their performances provided little information about the state of their games at the outset of the tournament.

Graf's match, though, did provide the West German World No. 1 with the chance to rehabilitate her game after her stunning defeat by Arantxa Sanchez of Spain in the French Open final in Paris on June 17, her first reverse in six Grand Slam tour-



Graf (left) hits a backhand return while Navratilova picks up a low shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

naments, and although there were more unforced errors than she would have liked, she pronounced herself generally satisfied.

"It was pretty good for a first match. I was playing all right. For me it was good," she said. As ever Graf's forehand was irresistible and her serve yielded

only eight points, including three in the final game in which she squandered the first of two matchpoints with her only double-fault.

After an embarrassing start in which Salmon won only two points in the first three games, the Briton enjoyed a surprisingly profitable spell when she took seven points in a row to expose the remnants of uncertainty after Graf's Paris defeat.

Graf's win meant she remained on course for a fourth-round meeting with the 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles, who took her to three sets in the French Open semifinals.

Navratilova, 32, who by-passed the French Open to prepare for Wimbledon and her challenge for a record ninth singles title, probably would not have required any help to beat Hetherington but received it anyway from her opponent's erratic serve.

Hetherington produced two double-faults in the opening game and another in the ninth gave Navratilova set point which she won with a trademark backhand volley.

The American swept into a 3-0 lead in the second set before Hetherington held serve and the Canadian then had two break points but failed to convert either of them.

Today's results (prefix denotes seeding): 1-Steffi Graf (West Germany) beat Julie Salmon (Britain) 6-1 6-2; 2-Martina Navratilova (US) beat Jill Hetherington (Canada) 6-3 6-2; 3-Chloe Walker (Britain) beat Tracy Morton (Australia) 6-0 6-2;

Gisele Miro (Brazil) beat Elia Renach (South Africa) 6-1 6-3; 5-Zina Garrison (US) beat Kimiko Date (Japan) 6-1 6-2; Hu Na (US) beat Meredith McGrath (US) 6-4 6-1; 14-Hana Mandlikova (Australia) beat Radka Zrubakova (Czechoslovakia) 7-5 6-3; Wendy Turnbull (Australia) beat Pascale Paradis (France) 6-4 6-1; Patty Fendick (US) beat Jill Smoller (US) 6-3 7-5.

Yesterday's late results. (Prefix denotes seeding): Ronald Agener (Haiti) beat Jean Fleuriat (France) 6-8 6-3 6-4; Nick Pirood (Britain) beat Jonathan Canter (US) 7-6 (7-1) 3-6 (7-3) 7-6 (7-2); Joey Rive (US) beat Matt Anger (US) 7-6 (7-3) 6-2 6-7 (4-7) 7-5; Karel Novacek (Czechoslovakia) beat James Turner (Britain) 6-4 6-3 6-6 1; 6-2; 4-Mats Wilander (Sweden) beat Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 6-2 6-2 6-2; Todd Woodbridge (US) beat Pete Sampras (US) 7-5 7-6 (7-5) 5-7 6-3; Patrick Kuchner (West Germany) beat Martin Strelha (Czechoslovakia) 7-6 (7-1) 6-2 6-3; Miloslav Mecir beat Scott Warner (US) 6-2 6-2 6-4; Andres Gomez (Ecuador) beat Leonardo Lavalle (Mexico) 3-6 6-4 6-4 7-6 (7-1); Eric Jelen (West Germany) beat Alexander Volkov (Soviet Union) 7-5 6-7 (2-7) 6-3 6-2; Tom Nijssen (Netherlands) beat Henk Overduin (Netherlands) 7-5 6-3 6-2; Jim Pugh (US) beat Jeff Tarango (US) 3-6 6-3 6-1 6-3; Christo van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Mark Woodforde (Australia) 7-6 (7-5) 6-1 6-4; Eva Sviglerova (Czechoslovakia) beat Heather Ludloff (US) 6-3 6-2; 9-Michael Chang (US) beat Bill Scanlon (US) 6-4 6-3 2-6 6-3; Brad Drewett (Australia) beat 14-Alex Cherkashev (Soviet Union) 6-4 7-6 (8-6) 6-2; 9-Natalia Zvereva (Soviet Union) beat Ronni Res (US) 6-7 (2-7) 6-2 6-0; Duky van Rensburg (South Africa) beat Eva Krupalova (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 6-1; 1-Jan Gunnarsson (Sweden) beat Diego Nargiso (Italy) 3-6 6-3 6-7 (4-7) 6-4; Martin Lauridsen (Canada) beat Jorge Lozano (Mexico) 6-2 6-4 6-3; Omar Camporese (Italy) beat Christian Bergstrom (Sweden) 6-3 6-4 6-4.

Boon and Waugh hold Foster at bay

Australia survive scare to go 2-0 up

LONDON, June 27. (Reuters): Australian hopes of regaining the Ashes received a significant boost when they completed a six-wicket win in the second cricket Test against England at Lord's today for a 2-0 lead in the six-match series.

Australia survived a three-wicket burst by fast bowler Neil Foster before David Boon, with an unbeaten 58, and Steve Waugh, 21 not out, steered them from 67-4 to success at 119-4 on the fifth and final day.

Allan Border's team is now the first Australian side to win two consecutive Tests in a series in England since 1948 and the results have loosened England's grasp on the Ashes they have held since 1985.

However, Australia were shaken by Foster's triple blow as they pressed for the 118 runs needed to win on a day when rain threatened to upset their progress.

The touring team had already been held up by a lunchtime downpour which delayed the start of the second session for 45 min-

utes, and Foster's dismissal of opener Mark Taylor, captain Border and Dean Jones reduced Australia from 51-1 to 67-4.

But Boon followed his first innings 94 with another half century and Waugh brought his aggregate for the series to 350 runs without being dismissed as Australia sealed their win midway through the final session.

The day of frustration for Border's team started with England's last pair of John Emburey, who made 36 not out, and Graham Dilley, with 24, resisting for 65 minutes.

They extended their stand to 45 and the overnight score from 322 to nine to 359 all out, pace bowler Merv Hughes ending the innings by having Dilley caught off bat and pad by Boon at short leg.

Australia suffered an early setback when they set out in pursuit of their victory target 40 minutes before lunch. Geoff Marsh having his off stump uprooted when he offered no stroke to a delivery from Dilley with the total nine.

Foster had Taylor, on 15, mis-

sed by wicketkeeper Jack Russell but removed the opener for 37 with the aid of a low catch by Graham Gooch at second slip.

Border, who made one, and Jones with a duck both fell trying to hook Foster, the Australian captain being beautifully caught at long leg by Robin Sims, a member of the Lord's ground-staff. He was substituting for Robin Smith, who was nursing a knee injury.

Boon and Waugh checked the slump, taking the side to 72-4 at tea, and efficiently finishing the job with a flurry of fluent strokes in the sunlit late afternoon that finally eased Australia's anxiety that rain could deny them victory.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 286 (J. Russell 84 not out, G. Gooch 60, D. Gower 57, M. Hughes four for 71)
AUSTRALIA first innings 528 (S. Waugh 152 not out, D. Boon 94, G. Lawson 74, M. Taylor 82)
ENGLAND second innings (overnight 322 for nine)
G. Gooch lbw b Alderman 0

C. Broad b Lawson 20
K. Barnett c Jones b Alderman 3
M. Gatting lbw b Alderman 22
D. Gower c Border b Hughes 106
J. Smith b Alderman 56
J. Russell c Boon b Lawson 29
J. Emburey not out 36
N. Foster lbw b Alderman 4
P. Jarvis lbw b Alderman 5
G. Dilley c Boon b Hughes 24
Extras (b 3 lb 4 nb 2) 14
Total 359

Fall of wickets: 1-02-183-28-4-84-5-223-6-274-7-300-8-304-9-314

Bowling to date: Alderman 38-6-128-6, Lawson 38-10-99-2, Hughes 24-8-44-2, Border 9-3-23-0, Hohns 18-3-33-0, Waugh 7-2-20-0

AUSTRALIA 2nd innings
M. Taylor c Gooch b Foster 27
G. Marsh b Dilley 1
D. Boon not out 58
A. Border c sub b Foster 1
D. Jones c Russell b Foster 0
S. Waugh not out 21
Extras (b 3 lb 4 nb 4) 11
Total (for four wickets) 119

Wicket fall: 1-9-2-51-3-61-4-67
Did not bat: I. Healy, M. Hughes, G. Lawson, T. Hohns, T. Alderman

Bowling: Dilley 10-2-27-1, Foster 18-3-39-3, Emburey 5-0-8-0, Jarvis 9-2-0-38-0

Children fed steroids, claims East German

BONN, June 27. (Reuters): East German athletes are fed muscle-building anabolic steroids from childhood, a former East German Olympic champion was quoted as saying today.

Hans-Georg Aschenbach, winner of a ski jumping gold medal at the 1976 Olympics, made the accusation in the second of a series of reports by West German newspaper Bild on alleged drug abuse in East Germany's vaunted state sport programme.

He said all promising athletes are given steroid pills with their training meals.

Aschenbach, who defected to West Germany last year, was quoted as saying East German children, enrolled in sports schools to train for Olympic competition, received three pills at lunch between workouts.

"The yellow one is vitamin C. The red one contains a multivitamin compound," he said.

"The blue one contains nandrolone. This is a banned anabolic steroid that athletes over there (East Germany) take to reach world (performance) standards," Aschenbach told Bild.

"Children are doped up without their parents knowing about it," he was quoted as saying.

Bild said children suffering any liver problems were not admitted to the elite sports schools because officials knew constant steroid use can damage livers.



Jon Agnew



Angus Fraser



Adrian Pierson

Leicestershire outclass Notts

LONDON, June 27. (Reuters): Jon Agnew, a former England paceman, and fast bowler Angus Fraser, released from 12th man duties in the current Ashes Test at Lord's, fired Leicestershire and Middlesex respectively to two-day wins in the English County Cricket Championship yesterday.

Agnew's career-best match figures of 11 for 93 sent Nottinghamshire crashing to defeat by an innings and 101 runs, while Fraser had a match haul of eight for 73 as Middlesex trounced champions Worcestershire by nine wickets.

Agnew, who won the last of his three England caps in 1985, had taken only 24 championship wickets at 45 runs each before the current game at Leicester but stunningly improved his record while bowling unchanged for a total of 35.5 overs.

After Leicestershire declared in the morning at 352 for six, Agnew took five for 37 as Notts crumbled for 116 and then snapped up six for 56 when they followed on and were dismissed for 135.

Agnew was well supported by Guyana-born fast-medium bowler Chris Lewis, who also took advantage of a pitch assisting the seamers to end with five for 51 and three for 29.

Fraser, called up for the first time by England for the second Test but not included in the final XI, took four for 39 as Worcestershire - 79 behind on first innings - were toppled for 172.

On a Worcester pitch of uneven bounce, Fraser took three wickets in a telling early burst, including bowling both Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick and Ian Botham for six.

Middlesex made light work of reaching a target of

94 in only 21.2 overs. West Indies opener Desmond Haynes hitting an unbeaten 39.

Indian-born Nasser Hussain marked his first championship game of the season for leaders Essex by hammering 141 against Warwickshire at Ilford.

Hussain shared a ninth-wicket partnership of 136 with Don Topley, hitting two sixes and 21 fours in his sparkling 190-minute innings that lifted Essex to 335 - three behind on first innings. For Warwickshire, Adrian Pierson took five for 103.

Results

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Nottinghamshire by an innings and 101 runs. Leicestershire 352 for six declared in 135 overs (L. Potter 121 not out, Nottinghamshire 116 in 37 overs (J. Agnew five for 37, C. Lewis five for 51) and 135 (J. Agnew six for 54, C. Lewis three for 29). Leicestershire 23 points, Nottinghamshire one.

At Worcester: Middlesex beat Worcestershire by nine wickets. Worcestershire 142 in 42.5 overs and 172 (P. Neale 74, A. Fraser four for 39, Middlesex 221 in 71.2 overs and 96 for one (I. Hutchinson 40 not out). Worcestershire four points, Middlesex 22.

Scores

At Luton: Somerset 274 in 85.2 overs and 135 for one (J. Hardy 57 not out, C. Cook 46). Nottinghamshire 300 for five declared in 88.3 overs (G. Cook 126, N. Filton 60 not out).

At the Oval: Surrey 275 in 71.2 overs, Gloucestershire 113 in 43.2 overs (M. Rickell six for 47) and 269 for seven (I. Bucker 68, A. Wright 55, G. Tiedeman 20 not out).

At Headingley: Yorkshire 308 in 98.4 overs and 107 for four, Essex 333 in 79.5 overs (N. Hussain 141, B. Hardie 56, A. Donald five for 10). At Southampton: Hampshire 356 for eight declared in 110 overs (A. Pigott four for 63) and 39 (for no wicket). Sussex 287 in 93.4 overs (A. Wells 153).

At Old Trafford: Kent 296 in 110.1 overs, Lancashire 247 for five after 81.3 overs (G. Mendis 75, G. Fowler 65).

Steve lays foundation for Waugh dynasty

Australian Test star not best among four brothers



Steve Waugh: the oldest of the four cricket-playing brothers

SYDNEY, June 27. (Reuters): It may not be quite the right moment to tell English cricket fans, but the Waugh family contains four boys - and Steve may not be the best batsman amongst them.

Steve Waugh has so far hit 329 runs in the Ashes series without being dismissed, laying the foundations for Australia's domination of the first two Tests.

Previously thought of as a fine one-day player, Waugh, 24, is now described in England as the new Bradman and Allan Border's successor as Australian captain.

In Australia, while Waugh's all-round skills and reliability are valued highly, as a batsman he is considered a lesser talent than his twin brother Mark.

Mark, younger by four minutes, has always been one step behind Steve in his first-class career, making his debut for New South Wales in 1985-86, a year after Steve, and delaying representing his country until the 1988-89 season.

Mark, yet to play a Test match, was considered unlucky to miss out on the Ashes tour but has followed his brother's lead by playing in England's county championship, coincidentally

hitting his first county century for Essex as his brother was murdering the English Test attack last Saturday.

Mark and Steve play their Sydney League cricket for Bankstown, a team which boasts a third Waugh, Dean.

Dean, 19, hit a century last season for a League team in England against the visiting Australian aboriginal team and is considered by many local pundits as a Test quality player.

"It's a nice idea, three of us playing for Australia but it's a long way off," Dean said recently.

Six years younger than Dean is Danny who is also no mean achiever with the bat, averaging over 100 runs last season.

The brothers have sporting roots with parents Roger and Beverley avid tennis and squash players. Steve and Mark excelled at all ball games and represented the state in soccer, tennis and cricket at primary level.

Fierce competitors at home, the twins always had a telepathic understanding on the pitch, their father says. Ironically, Mark and Steve were at the wicket together in Mark's one-day debut for Australia - and he ran Steve out.

Steve's introverted nature hides dedication and determination matched in the Australian side only by Border.

He made his Test debut in 1985-86 against India, moving alongside West Indian captain Viv Richards as the best one-day cricketer in the world after Australia's 1987 World Cup victory.

In the final, with England needing 19 runs to win off two overs, Border threw the ball to Waugh. His right-arm medium pace removed free-hitting Phil DeFreitas and conceded just two runs, ending England's victory hopes.

After a superb 1988 season with Somerset during which he averaged over 70 with the bat, Waugh had a poor series against Pakistan, dropping several catches.

He narrowly avoided being dropped for the 1988-89 test series against West Indies but proved his worth by taking all the touring side's pace attack could throw at him.

Now that he has scored that elusive ton he has taken on the look of one of Australia's immortals - dapper, short-haired and clear-eyed under his baggy green and gold cap.

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